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SLENDER CLUES IN MURDER HUNT.

POLICE HAMPERED BY POOR WITNESSES.

THREATENING LETTERS MAY PROVE USEFUL.

TWO MEN CONCERNED?

For more than 48 hours, detectives and Police officials have, without success, been pursuing diligent investigation into the assassination of Mr. Lee Hysan in the corridor of a Wellington Street Club, on Monday, and though repeated rumours of arrests have been put into circulation, there is no official sanction for the reports.

Only the slenderest clues are available, statements by persons in the vicinity at the time being most conflicting, and the Police are expecting to achieve as much or more from the threatening letters received by the victim, in their efforts to trace the originators of the conspiracy.

Statements Taken.

On what has been discovered up to the present, the Police are maintaining a strict silence, but it is known that statements have been taken from practically everyone remotely connected with the crime.

Large numbers of those residing in the vicinity had been required to attend at Police Headquarters, and their statements were still being taken this morning.

All witnesses have been closely interrogated and one interesting fact has been revealed through close examination, a suggestion that a small boy aided and abetted the murderer.

Man and Boy?

Some of the witnesses say very definitely that a man and boy were seen to leave in haste the premises which were the scene of the crime, though it is strange that they can be so definite on this point and are unable to give coherent description of the appearance of either.

The Police are convinced that the murder was better planned than a few wild shots and a bolt for liberty, and it is feared that the avenues of escape have been open too long to permit of any rapid development as the result of their enquiries.

Letter Difficulties.

No effort is being spared to trace the origin of the threatening letters, though the extreme difficulties in this connexion are only too obvious.

The reward of \$10,000 offered for information leading to the arrest of the assassin, has not been doubled as was thought probable yesterday.

As a mark of respect to the late Mr. Lee Hysan, it is understood that both the Leo Theatre and the Lee Garden will be closed to the public for 49 days.

NEW GUINEA RUBBER PLANTERS.

ALARMED AT THE FALL IN PRICES.

Sydney, May 1.

Rubber planters in Papua are alarmed at the fall in prices, and are appealing to the Government for a bounty.

They declare that if the price remains below a shilling they must abandon the industry.

Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

DONCASTER'S BIG WIN OVER TRANMERE.

London, May 1.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division of the English Football League to-day, Doncaster Rovers, playing at home, defeated Tranmere Rovers by five goals to two, while Rochdale defeated Accrington by 3 goals to 2 at Rochdale. Reuter.

DRASTIC SHANGHAI SUGGESTION.

SELL PUBLICLY-SUBSCRIBED MEMORIAL HOME.

RATEPAYERS UNEASY.

Shanghai, May 2. Shanghai rate-payers are uneasy regarding the possible fate of the Victoria Nursing Home, following a meeting of various committees of the Municipal Council.

The Committee concerned are the Health, Finance and Economy Committees, and Mr. S. Fesaenden, the American chairman of the Council, presided over the meeting.

After a long discussion, the members decided to recommend to the Council that the entire property should be sold, including the Nursing Home proper, the Maternity Building, the Children's Hospital, the Mental Ward, and the old Chinese and Indian Police Hospital.

The question is being raised whether the Council is empowered to take such a step, if they feel it desirable, without the mandate of the rate-payers, inasmuch as the institution was built as the result of a public subscription for the erection of a permanent memorial to the late Queen Victoria. Our Own Correspondent.

ANTARCTIC FLIGHT PREPARATIONS.

"SAMSON" LEAVES BERGEN FOR NEW YORK.

A SAILING VESSEL.

Oslo, May 1. Commander Byrd's expedition to the South Pole will be conducted from the vessel "Samson," which has been purchased here by Commander Byrd, and has left Bergen for New York.

She is a craft of only 512 tons gross, but she has been specially built for coping with ice-floes and will carry Byrd's aeroplane to the ice-barriers, three thousand miles to the south of New Zealand.

She is equipped with sails and an auxiliary motor. Commander Byrd's personnel for the Antarctic Expedition has been recruited from Norwegians.

The expedition will set out in September, and will comprise 50 or 60 men and about 100 dogs. The final flight will be 2,000 miles over an ice-field believed never to have been previously traversed.

Commander Byrd expects to return to the United States in June, 1929, but he may be compelled to remain in the Antarctic zone until June, 1930. Reuter.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN KILLED.

FLYING CRASH NEAR NEW YORK.

New York, May 1.

Mr. Thaddeus C. Sweet, a member of the House of Representatives for nineteen years, was killed instantly in a forced landing here to-day on returning from Washington by air.

The pilot was injured but not seriously.

Mr. Sweet is the first Congressman who has been killed in a flying accident. Fifty-five years of age, he was president of the Sweet Bros. Paper Manufacturing Company, and of the Oswego County Trust Company.

He was the principal leader in the successful movement to deny American Socialists seats in the New York legislature. Reuter's American Service.

REGULAR AIR ROUTE TO EUROPE.

VIA GREENLAND AND IRELAND.

Washington, May 1.

Colonel Lindbergh is considering the possibilities of the establishment of an air route to Europe, planning to embrace Greenland and Iceland.

It is understood that he has been discussing the question with Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, and other officials. Reuter's American Service.

MAY DAY RIOTS AT WARSAW.

FIFTY CASUALTIES IN SERIOUS AFFRAY.

QUIET DEMONSTRATIONS IN LONDON AND PARIS.

WOMEN IN SCARLET.

London, May 1. The May Day celebrations in London were more effectively organised than for some time past, large processions being held. The celebrations passed off quite quietly.

An entirely new note was struck by the novel attire of a large number of women and girls who joined in smart khaki uniforms and scarlet berets.

There was a sprinkling of men in khaki with red ties.

French Precautions.

Paris, May 1. Extraordinary precautions were taken by the Police to prevent disturbances during the May Day celebrations, but hitherto the care taken has been rendered unnecessary by the orderly behaviour of the demonstrators.

All the banks, most of the shops and many factories continued open as usual, and in this connexion a few obstructionists were arrested.

Riots in Warsaw.

Warsaw, May 1. Conflicts between Socialists and Communists arose out of the May Day demonstrations, resulting in serious bloodshed in different parts of the city.

Two most serious affrays occurred in the City Hall Square. Mass meetings were being held by the rival parties, revolver shots were fired and a free fight ensued.

Fifty Casualties.

In the course of the rioting, over fifty casualties occurred, two men being killed.

Elsewhere in Poland, the celebrations passed off quietly, though at Lemberg, the Police last night took the precautionary measure of arresting seventy Communists and detaining them.

Moscow Celebrates.

Moscow, May 1. Considerable curiosity has been aroused at the announcement that the latest United States aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Lexington, which was tested last week, has not been accepted by the Navy. Captain Karns refused to make any comment beyond remarking: "We have postponed her trials." No reason was given.

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INDIAN STEEL WORKS STRIKE.

TROOPS AND ARMED POLICE GUARDING AREA.

Jamshedpur, May 1.

A more serious situation appears to be developing in connection with the strike at the Tata Iron Steel Works. The management has decided to close down the rolling mills.

Troops and armed police are keeping watch over the area, but up to the present the strikers have been peaceful. Reuter.

WAYWARD PRINCE IN ENGLAND.

PRINCE CAROL DESIRES QUIET AND REST.

London, May 1.

The ex-Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, who disappeared under mysterious circumstances from his residence in Paris, has now been traced to a mansion in Surrey, where he is staying with his companion, Madame Lupaciu.

The arrival of the ex-Crown Prince in England was not known even to the Rumanian Legation.

The owner of the mansion ascribes the visit of Prince Carol to his desire for quiet and rest, and adds that the duration of the stay depends on the immediate developments in the political situation in Rumania. Reuter.

JOBS FOR SHANGHAI DEFENDERS.

LABOUR COMPLAINTS IN THE COMMONS.

MORE SHOULD BE DONE.

London, May 1. In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Wellcock (Labour) asked the War Secretary whether the War Office proposed to take special measures to find employment for the 1,342 "A" Reservists, who had returned from China, and who, recently, were still unemployed.

Sir Lamont Worthington-Evans replied that the names of the Reservists desiring to be registered for employment had been placed on the books of organisations engaged in obtaining work for ex-soldiers.

These organisations were making special efforts on the Reservists' behalf. The local military authorities and the Ministry of Labour has also been asked to assist.

Reports showed that a considerable number of the men had obtained work.

Mr. Wellcock declared that hundreds of them had work when they were called up for China, but were now without employment. He urged that something more should be done, because only a small number had found work.

The War Secretary replied that a great many of them were workless when called up on Reserve. He was led to think that a great many had been placed in suitable employment.

"We are all doing our utmost to get these deserving men the work they deserve."

Incomplete reports showed that over 150 of the "A" Reservists had found work. Reuter.

U.S. PLANE-CARRIER REFUSED.

ACHIEVES ONLY TWO-THIRDS CONTRACT SPEED.

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JAPANESE POLITICAL CRISIS.

HOME MINISTER TO TENDER RESIGNATION.

Tokyo, May 1.

The death has occurred of M. Jacques Schneider, the donor of the famous Schneider Cup.

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U.S. FERRY DISASTER.

New York, May 1. Eight were drowned in the capsizing of a ferry boat at Union Town, Pennsylvania. Reuter's American Service.

COTTAGERS' PLEA SUCCESSES.

BUDGET KEROSENE TAX DROPPED.

DEMANDS TO REDUCE PETROL TAX REFUSED.

DISCUSSION ON TEA.

London, May 1.

A long discussion on tea ensued in the House of Commons to-day, following a Labour resolution that the duty on tea be reduced from 4d. to 1d. per lb. The motion occurred in the report stage of the Budget, and was rejected by 290 votes to 144.

Lord Birkenhead, in the course of a speech at a dinner given by the Ladies' Imperial Club, explained the implications of the Public Assemblies Bill, which the Egyptian Government had proposed to make law.

He added that no object could be served by merely postponing discussion of the measure for ever, as it would impose responsibilities and with obligations to other European nations and with a vital necessity for maintaining its own Imperial communications, agree to legislation of the kind.

"Never, in my opinion," continued Lord Birken

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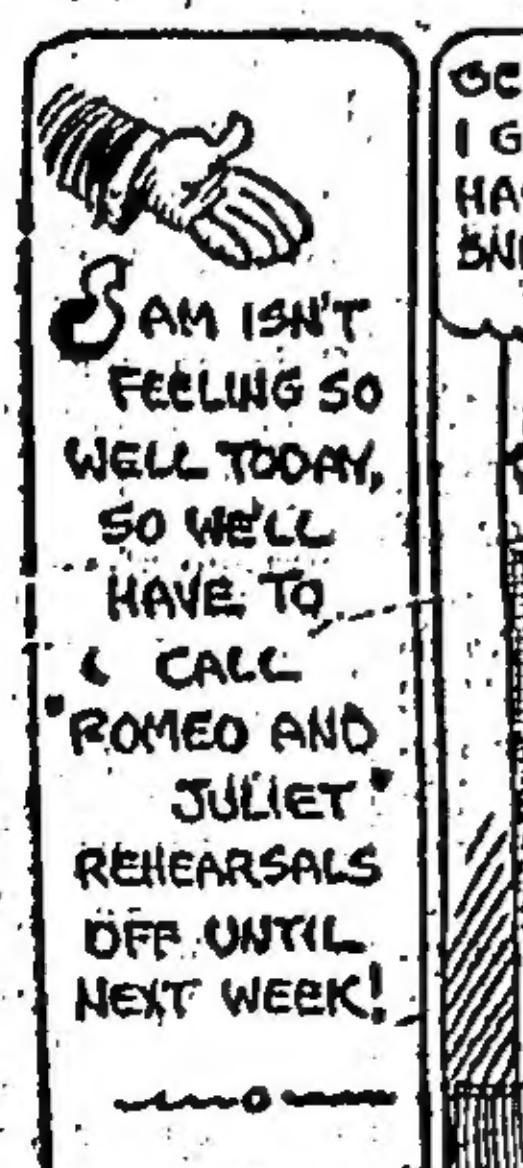
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MANSLAUGHTER CASE ENDS.

Without calling upon the prisoner to give evidence the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, specifically instructed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty" against Petty Officer W. G. Kelsey, of H.M.S. Ambrose, on the charge of manslaughter at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

Without retiring the jury returned the required verdict and P/O Kelsey was discharged.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that there was literally no evidence that could be referred to the jury that the prisoner's act was the direct and immediate cause of Tam Tak-yuen's death, and even if there was, there was no evidence to show any negligence on the part of the prisoner. Thirdly, Counsel submitted, there was no evidence of dangerous driving.

Evidence for Jury.

His Lordship, putting the case as he saw it at the moment, said the man's death was caused by the prisoner's action. That being so the onus was shifted on to the prisoner to prove that there was no negligence. Counsel could use the evidence which had been produced for the Crown for that purpose.

Mr. Sheldon went on to refer to various sections covering the charge of manslaughter, including that under which the prisoner was charged, in the course of which he dealt with unintentional killing and causing death by culpable and gross neglect. Counsel remarked that the law did not require the utmost precaution, but reasonable precaution. The negligence, he said, must have been the direct and immediate cause of a man's death. If the particular negligence was not proximate and sufficient cause of the death they could not convict. There was no evidence at all, commented Counsel, that the negligence deputed to the prisoner was sufficient to cause Tam's death.

His Lordship said he was against Mr. Sheldon on the submission that there was literally no evidence that the prisoner's act was the direct and immediate cause of Tam's death and continued that if the death was proved to have been caused by the prisoner there was evidence to go to the jury and the only thing that remained for Counsel to do was to show that the death was due to an accident and not to negligence. There was evidence, in the case for the Crown, that death was caused by an accident, though, according to the Crown's case, death was caused by the prisoner. His Lordship held that there was evidence that the prisoner's act was the proximate cause of the man's death.

No Dangerous Driving.

Mr. Sheldon then spoke with regard to the evidence relating to dangerous driving. When it was considered, he said, there was no evidence at all that the prisoner drove the car dangerously. The licensed driver had told Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, on the morning of the accident when the incidents were fresh in his mind, that the car was travelling at 20 miles an hour. That was the only reliable evidence with regard to speed, Counsel submitted, unless they attached weight to the evidence of Sub-Inspector A. H. Mason, who had estimated the speed at 25 miles an hour. Mr. Sheldon said they could not attach much weight to that evidence so they were left only with the statement of the driver. He did not think that anyone would suggest that 20 miles an hour at three o'clock in the morning was dangerous driving.

His Lordship remarked that that was all they could have done. It was very regrettable that Tam Tak-yuen should have met his death on that occasion, but they were dealing with the criminal law and, before a person could be punished any offence had to be proved beyond all reasonable doubt. "I think the only verdict is the one that you have returned upon my instructions."

Prisoner's Regret.
Mr. Sheldon said the prisoner had specifically instructed him to express to the Court and jury his real and very earnest concern for the unfortunate man.

The prisoner was discharged.

His Lordship, in asking Mr. Fitzroy what he had to say in reply to Mr. Sheldon's contention, said Counsel for the Crown could assume, in his favour that the man's death was caused by the prisoner.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that the speed of the car was not relied upon by the Crown and it never could be relied upon in such a case. The question was, did the prisoner drive with a disregard for the life and safety of people, and that was what the Crown case was based on. A motor driver, he concluded, owed a duty to everyone else on the road. The evidence showed that the prisoner did not take sufficient care, with the result that Tam Tak-yuen was dead.

No Evidence.

His Lordship: Well, what is the evidence? I cannot see any evidence of recklessness in failing to take sufficient care, and the onus is on you to show that. Doesn't it rather go to show that the car was being driven at four o'clock in the morning at 20 miles an hour? The street was certainly not unduly full of people, although there is always danger of people walking across the Praya. The speed is a very material thing. What is the evidence?

Counsel for the Crown replied they had heard the evidence of the fok of the licensed driver who said they were going so fast that he put his head down. Except for that they had no evidence of excessive speed.

His Lordship: It seems to me your evidence goes to show that there was no negligence at all and that the most that can be said is that, if he (the prisoner) had done something otherwise he might have avoided the accident, by steering a slightly different course.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that the only evidence the Crown had to show that the prisoner showed wanton disregard for the safety of other people, was that the car skidded for 78 feet. If his Lordship did not think that that evidence amounted to anything then the (Counsel) had nothing more to say.

His Lordship shook his head at this and intimated that he did not attach weight to that evidence.

"Not Guilty."

The prisoner was not called upon to give evidence and, in addressing the jury, his Lordship reminded them that the only witness who could be said to have given direct evidence was the licensed driver. His Lordship added that he thought he could assume that the jury would not pay very much attention to his evidence. After referring to discrepancies in the driver's evidence his Lordship commented that it was "not worth much." He continued that he did not see how he could leave the case to the jury and say there was any evidence at all from which they could come to the conclusion that the prisoner was guilty of wanton disregard for the lives and safety of others. He directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty."

Without retiring the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

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STUDENT HYSTERIA.

**BOYCOTT URGED AGAINST
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UNIVERSITY RIOT.

**FIFTY STUDENTS EXPELLED
IN HAVANA.**

Havana, May 1.—The Council of the University of Havana has expelled over 50 students who participated in the recent riots, which resulted in the closing of the university and the placing of troops on the campus.—Reuters' American Service.

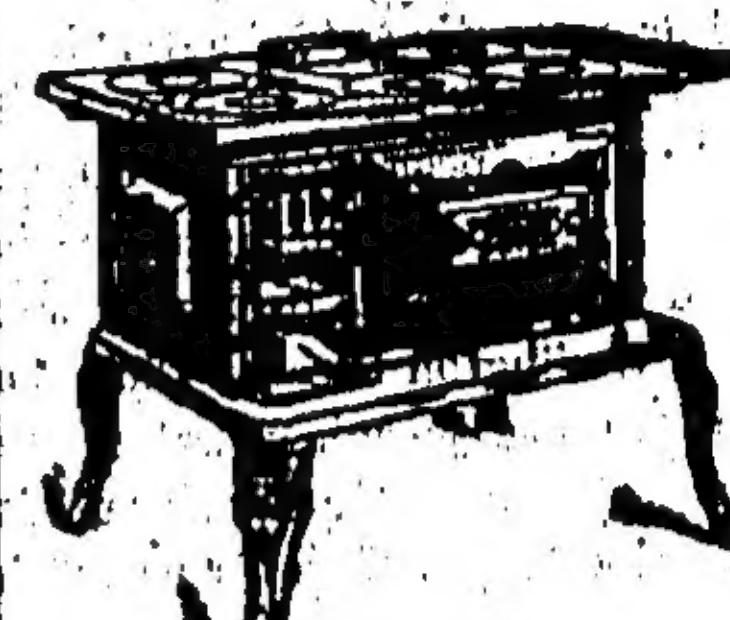


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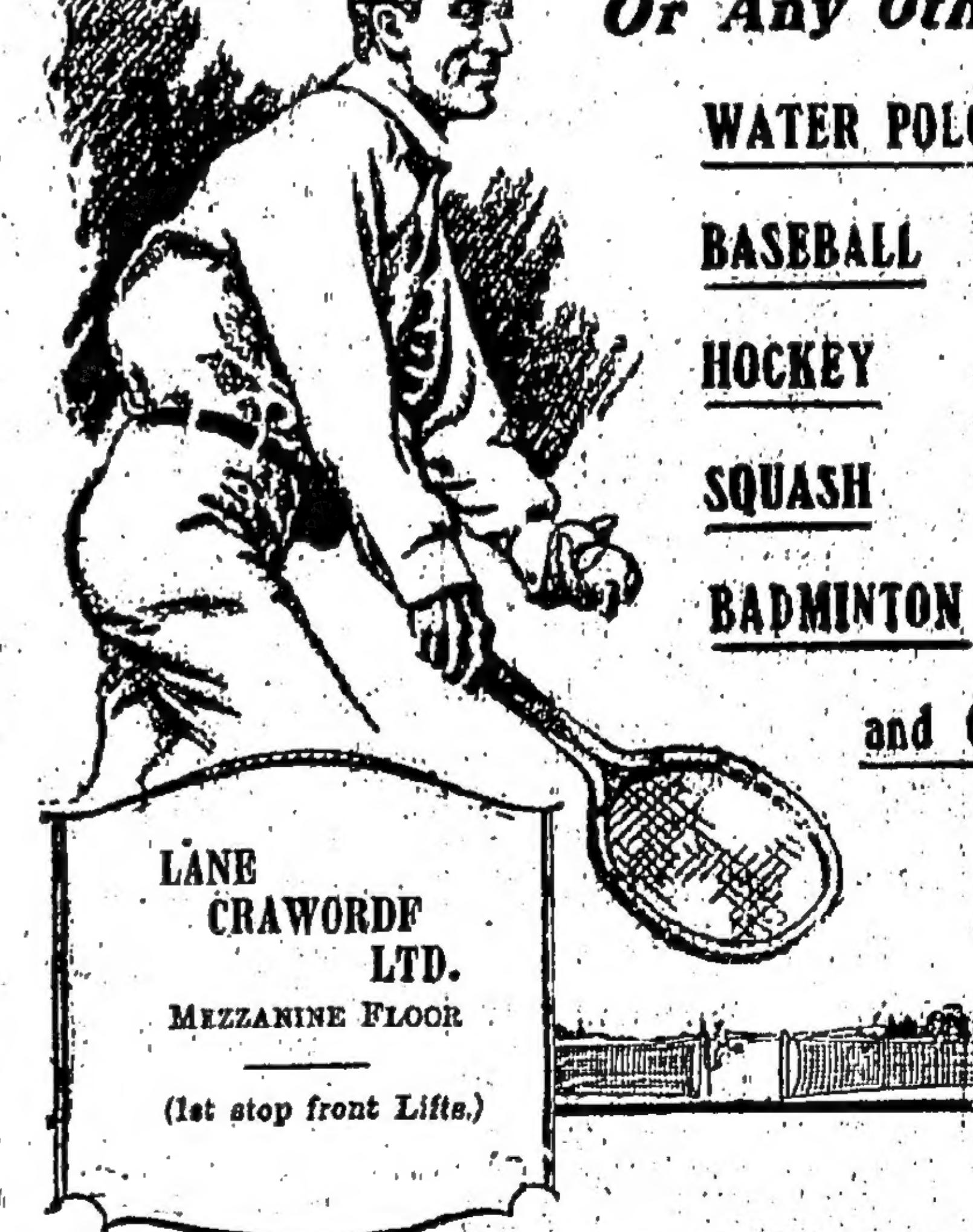
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Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Angeson in one of the numbers given at the Danish soiree which was held at the French Municipal College, Shanghai a few days ago.



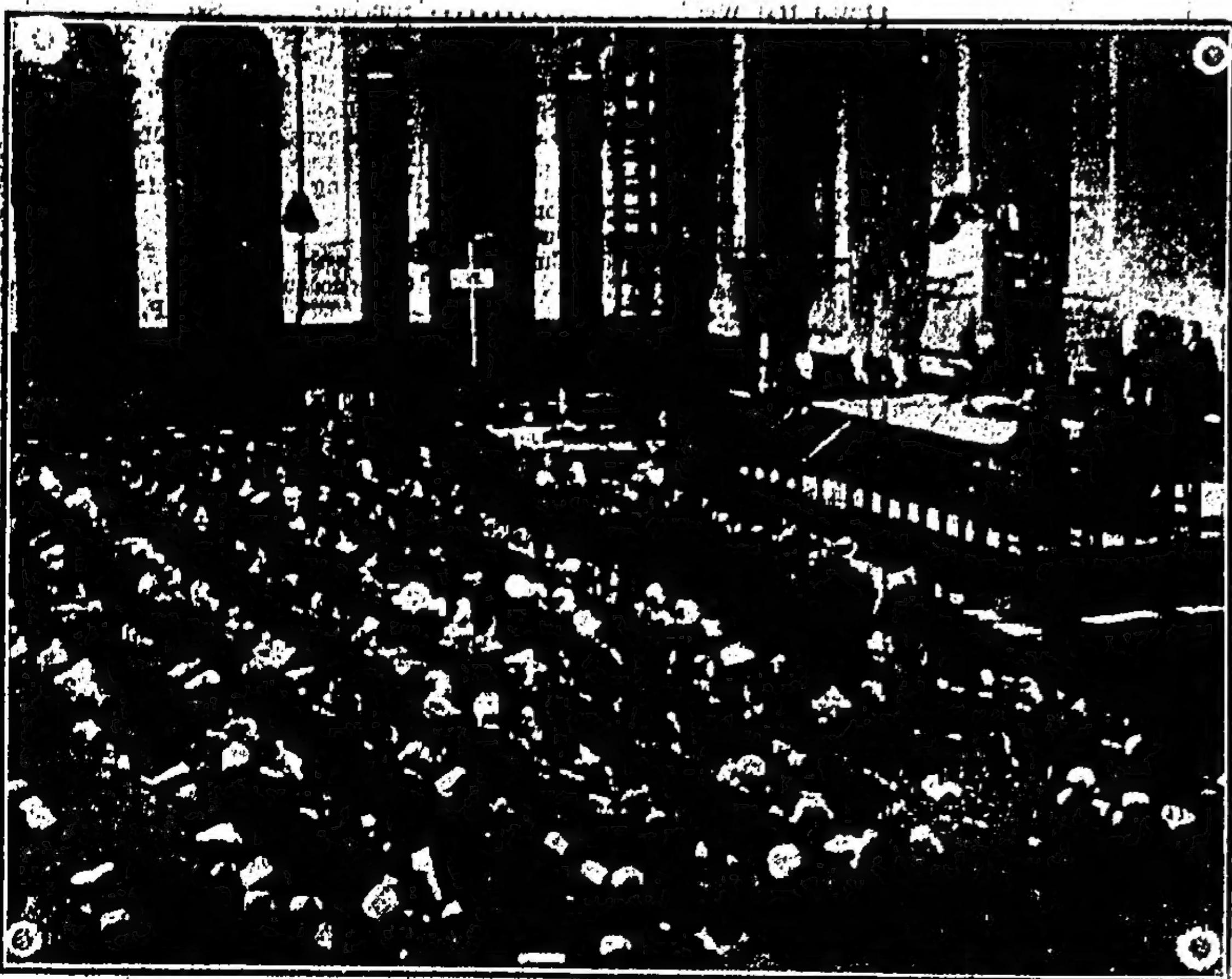
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Admiral Takoshita, in command of the Japanese naval forces in Shanghai, accompanied by members of his staff, carried out an inspection last week in Hongkew Park, of Japanese Boy Scouts. A parade of Japanese marines and sailors followed.



This picture shows the group about Col. Lindbergh on the White House lawn just after the Congressional Medal of Honour for bravery had been awarded.



This picture, taken during a speech by Mr. Fessenden, gives an idea of the large attendance at the annual meeting of rate payers in the Shanghai Town Hall recently.



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LABOUR LEADER PAYS PENALTY.

RECENT EXECUTION IN CHANGSHA.

A *Central China Post* correspondent says the recent execution of Kuo Liang, a prominent Labour leader, was an event which caused an immense sensation in Changsha. Tens of thousands went past to see his head in a small wooden cage.

Last year Kuo Liang was one of the most powerful men in Changsha; he always had a bodyguard of a hundred men. He seems to have been the foremost leader in the province at that time and under his regime a lot of people lost their lives. Hence there was something extremely sensational in the populace looking up at the head of the man who had a few months before been all powerful.

Other executions have taken place of course and the impressive thing about them is the courage with which these people go to the execution shouting their slogans, but though folk wonder at their bravery yet there is little sympathy for their cause. The details of the Leyyang affair have done for Hunan what Canton in December did for China as a whole.

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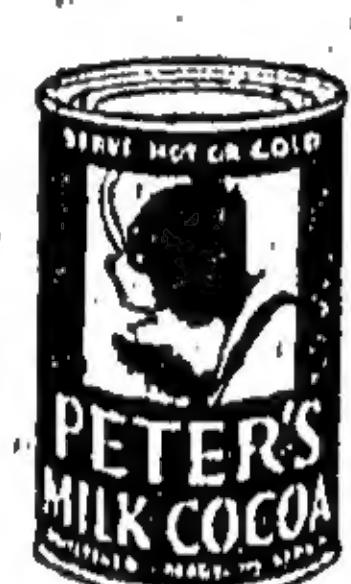
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For abiding ennui there is probably no remedy other than separation. But a frank acknowledgment that what is of absorbing interest to a husband is quite conceivable utterly tedious to a wife would go a long way to minimise occasions of boredom.

Some New Lines.



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who captured his romantic fancy in younger days; the fortunate husband finds as the years of married life go by that he has obtained a real companion in place of his lost, but unregretted, lady love.

It is, however, undoubtedly so that most even of the wives who become real friends are at least intensely sentimental, and it is their realization, first, of the fact that a man's nature does not call for sentiment, or respond to it, in the same way as a woman's, and, after that discovery, the determination not to let their real feelings appear, that enable such women to attain a position in their "man's" affections infinitely more valuable than the precarious instability of their former hold over his passions.

The wife who greets a tired "daily breader" with torrents of sentiment, because it is their wedding anniversary, or because the sunset is much the same as that which inspired his proposal, deserves the fate so admirably portrayed in the lines.

Yesterday he gripped her tight, And cut her throat. And serve her right.—In *Evening Standard*.

Sentimentality.
Silent People are Dull.

(By the Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart.)

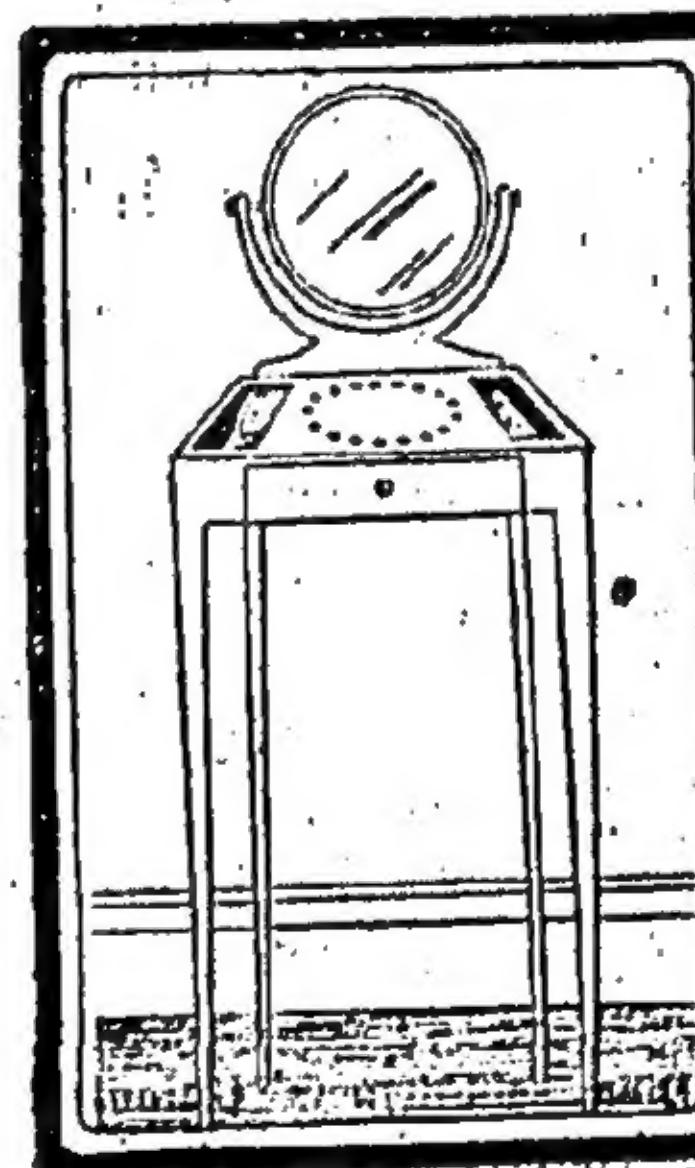
The early Evangelicals regarded silence as a counsel of perfection; and not so very long ago children were directed to talk little, and this not only with the useful idea of giving their elders time to speak, but also to impress on their young minds the intrinsic value of silence. Ruskin said: "The world only goes on because of the silent virtue in it;" and "Silence is the indication of a great mind" was written by Addison about 1700.

The world of to-day does not agree. Reserved people are usually wet blankets. Those of whom it is said that they have a great deal in them which they do not care to give out are for the most part unsocial and quite without charm. And most of them have nothing to give out in any case. Silent folk maintain a perpetual attitude of defence. They risk nothing and avoid many hard knocks which are met by the mentally active and venturesome. In a word, silence is a sign of selfishness.

The social life of to-day depends on the good will which men and women throw into the interchange of ideas; and there can be no doubt that the habit of talk has a most civilising effect on all classes. Oddly enough, it is talk, and not silence, which has put a curb on self-indulgence. The pleasure in dining out is no longer chiefly derived from the food and wine consumed. Gluttony and drink have been killed by conversation.

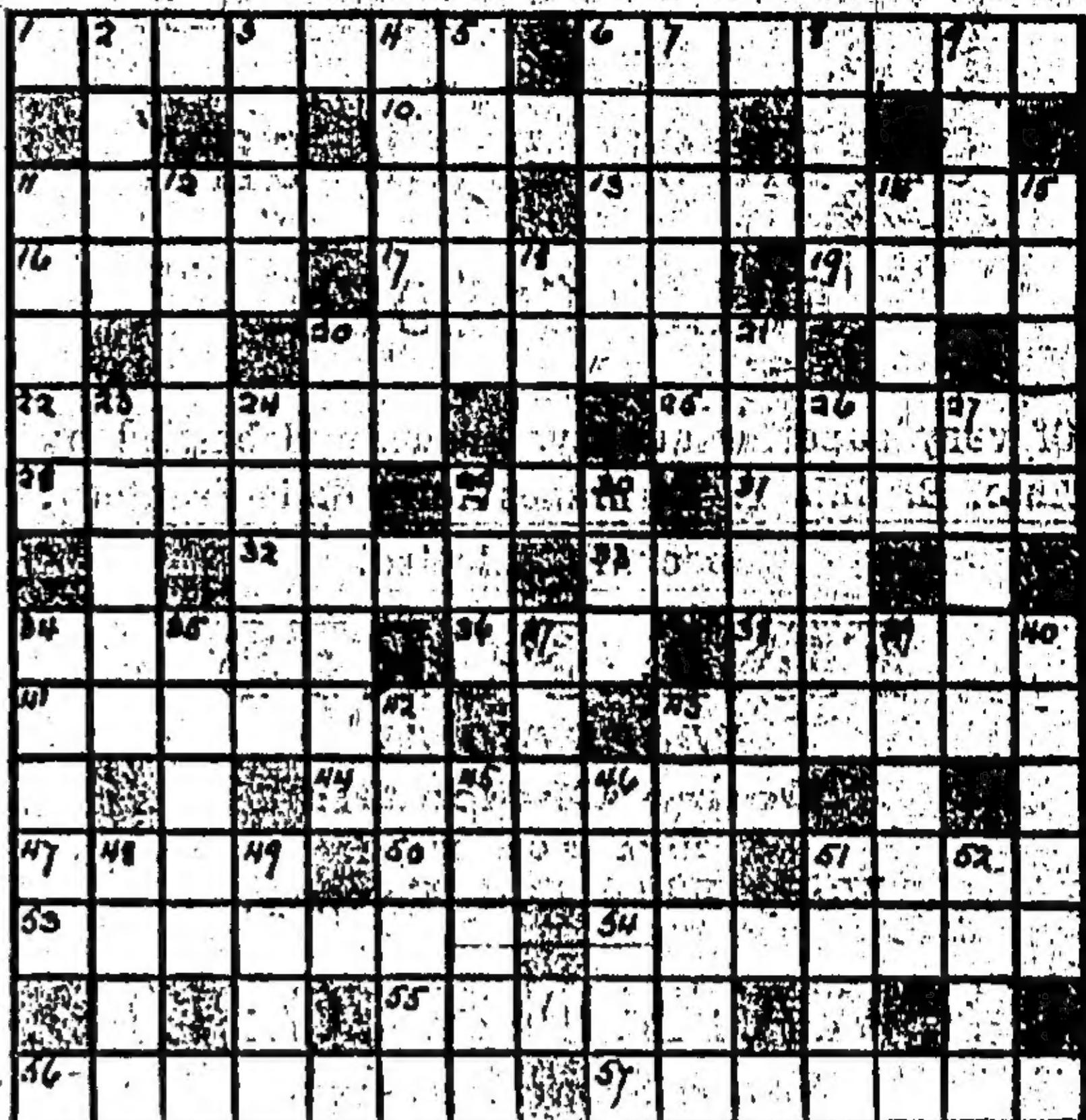
Montaigne, who in the dim past knew the Court life of Paris, was much in favour of talk. He wrote: "The most natural and fruitful exercise of the mind is conversation;" and he added: "I find the use of it more sweet than any other action in life." No doubt the old veneration for silence arose chiefly from the Bible warning that "of every idle word a man shall speak he must give account." But he must also give account—as some witty woman replied when the text was quoted to her—of every idle silence.

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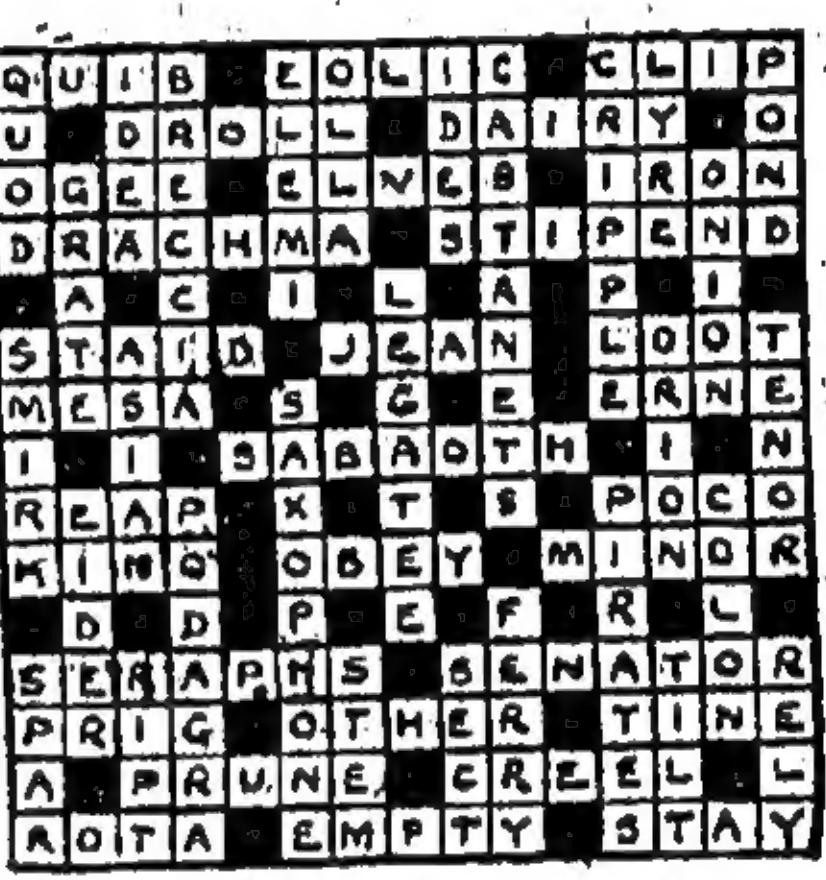
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25 Inferior rank (Law).
28 Extremities.
31 Show contempt.
32 Ornamental staff.
33 Trust.
34 One blindly attached to an opinion.
36 Mimic.
38 Angry.
41 Belonging to Odin.
Painter.
44 One skilled in art.
47 Porch.
50 A number.
51 As well as.
53 Talked idly.
54 Small streams.
55 Separated.
60 Ascended.
67 Dethroned.

- Down:
2 Hoodwink (Falconry).
3 Mere effort of memory.
4 Simplton (collig.).
5 Listlessness.
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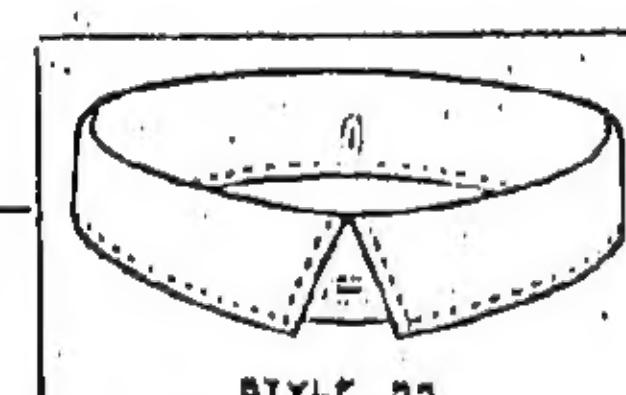
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ENGAGEMENT.The engagement is announced
of Miss Dorothy Lilian George,
the second daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. George, of Kowloon, to Mr.
George Bartle Frost, eldest son of
the late Mr. and Mrs. Frost, of
Eastbourne, England.**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1928.

**THE GOVERNMENT
AND INDUSTRY.**

Mr. Winston Churchill has given the first inkling of the steps which the Government proposes to take in relieving industry from the burdens of local taxation. Citing agriculture, coal, cotton, iron and steel, engineering and shipbuilding as basic industries which are in difficulties, he asserts that by October of next year the depressed manufacturing industries will have their rates reduced on an average by seventy-five per cent., whilst agricultural producers will have these burdens entirely abolished. Railways are also to be relieved of local taxation so as to enable them to offer lower rates of transit to what are known as the heavy industries.

This would appear to represent the Government's answer to recent criticisms that it is not doing anything to keep alive those British industries which have not been granted the benefits of the Safeguarding Act. It has long been apparent that the Government would have to do something for agriculture, as Farmers' Union all over the country were up in arms against the Baldwin Administration for failing to carry out the Prime Minister's assurances that steps would be taken to restore this industry to a state of prosperity. So marked did the campaign against the Government become that many hitherto staunch supporters of the Conservatives in rural areas declared that, unless something were done, they would vote against the Government at the next General Election. Whether the farmers will now be content with the assurances of relief eighteen months ahead, remains to be seen. The aim of the Government is seeking to secure lower freight rates on the railways for the products of industry is most commendable, but we doubt whether the motor-bus companies will feel very comfortable over the fact that the tax on petrol is to be the source from which the relief to the railways is to be made possible. The railways and the motor-bus pocket.

In his report to the police, a Chinese alleged that his pocket was picked yesterday afternoon while he was passing the Old Fire Brigade station on Des Voeux Road Central, and three cheques, two of \$500; and one of \$1,000, were stolen from him. Later, the police detained a suspect, in whose possession \$42 was found, but no trace was found of the cheques. The man emphatically denied that he was the pickpocket.

Companies are at the moment in keen rivalry, and the latter will no doubt feel it a hardship that they are to provide a considerable part of the money needed to free the former from the burdens of local taxation. We shall most probably hear more on this particular point.

An interesting sidelight on the Government's policy towards the big industries was recently revealed when a body of political experts representing the Conservative Associations throughout the country expressed the view that there should be an immediate application of the policy of "Safeguarding" to the iron and steel industry. The London Morning Post, commenting on that declaration, said that if the country were governed, as in the past, by a Government with the independence and strength to take any line they thought right for the good and the safety of the nation, such a measure would have been taken long ago. But, it added, democratic Governments had to consider not merely their own opinion, and the expert view, but the manifold prejudices and the stimulated storms of ignorance and mass propaganda. The formula recommended to the Prime Minister by this journal was:—"Let him, with a view to the next elections, determine to break those fetters of inhibitory pledges which he has hammered round his own wrists."

Let him make no exception either for agriculture or industry; but merely say that where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Government that safeguarding is necessary, it will be imposed. The Liberals and Socialists would, of course, raise a great cry; but the facts of our economic situation would fight against them." However, the Government has decided to proceed on other lines, and time will show whether it has succeeded in pleasing those who have supported it in the past.

The French Elections.

The French elections have proved a signal triumph for M. Poincaré and his financial policy, and, with a working majority of nearly four hundred, the Premier will be in a position to pursue his programme without fear of confusion or equivocation in the Chamber. M. Poincaré accepted office a trifle over two years ago, when France's finances were in a deplorable state. In the interim, the strong measures he adopted have saved the country from insolvency, and the franc is well on the way to recovery. To do this, M. Poincaré imposed almost merciless taxation, and in opening his election campaign last month, the Prime Minister issued a warning to those who were under the impression that the high taxation might be relaxed. In spite of this, the country has showed itself, in an uncertain manner, to be favourable to a continuance of that policy, and the returns are to be interpreted as a great tribute to M. Poincaré's real achievements. Probably in no other democratic country in the world in these days could a parliamentary election so exclusively concern itself with the career of a single statesman. His success is the more creditable since it was obtained coincidentally with a change in the electoral system from *scrutin de liste*, or large constituencies with several members, to *scrutin d'arrondissement*, smaller constituencies with a single member. The new system was thought to be most favourable to the Leftists, but the movement of the Chamber to the Right is definite indication of the desire for a stable Government with a strong programme. The Communists have been the principal supporters, and on this the electorate is to be congratulated. The National Union majority will enable M. Poincaré to set France's financial house in order.

A curious report has been made to the police by a farmer of Fuk Heng valley, New Territories. According to the report, the farmer found his bull killed in the stable and he stated to the police that he believed that the animal was killed by dynamite, placed there by another villager. The motive was stated to be revenge.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed this morning

by Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, on Tsang Yuk-fai, an accountant of the Fuk Wah printing firm, who was arrested on a warrant on a charge of embezzlement of \$380, money belonging to that firm. The defendant had nothing to say in answer to the charge.

Passengers arriving here to-day

by the s.s. Arauca from Australia were:

Mrs. K. J. Hall, Mrs. A. L. Reeves, Miss E. R. Uren, Miss M. A. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Campbell, Mrs. C. E. Murray, Miss I. Murray, Miss E. Hanson, Mr. H. T. Squire, Miss A. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nelson, Mr. A. A. Turner, Miss Francis Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Abotiz.

A local Notice to Mariners (No. 23 of 1928), issued under date May 1, states:—Under the provisions of Ordinance 10 of 1899, Section 22 (5), it is hereby ordered that during the typhoon season, i.e., June 1 to October 15, each vessel over 60 tons lying in Hong Kong harbour shall have on board the following crew:—At least one certified deck officer, and deck and engine room crew sufficient to work the anchors and to raise steam.

DAY BY DAY.

A MAN WHO HAS HAD A COLLEGE EDUCATION GETS AN ATMOSPHERE ABOUT HIM THAT NOTHING ELSE CAN GIVE HIM; BUT I DOUBT IF IT DOES HIM ANY GOOD.—George H. Collins.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows one case of diphtheria (British) and one of smallpox (Chinese).

A Chinese was fined \$5 at the Police Court to-day for taking a pointer bitch across the harbour without a permit. He was also fined \$5 for lacking a license.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during April totalled 6.68 inches. This was spread over 12 days, the heaviest falling 4.52 inches on the 21st.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. W. Faulkner, of the General Electric Company, whose death we reported yesterday, took place this evening, the cortège passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

A Chinese girl, named Ng Chifun, twenty-one years of age, residing at 65, Nathan Road, died in the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday after she had taken a dose of Lysol believed to have been self-administered.

"Anna Christie" was recently produced at the Little Theatre, New Orleans, of which the Director is Mr. Walter Sinclair, formerly of Hongkong. The play was a great success according to the glowing Press-notices.

A chow dog belonging to Mr. W. Simpson, of No. 39, Jordan Road, was yesterday removed to Mataukok for observation after the dog had bitten a Chinese living at No. 4 Wai Ching Street. The man was treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese hawker residing at No. 89, Third Street, ground floor, was sent to the G. C. H. yesterday suffering from severe scalds on his arms, legs and body. The injuries were caused by the accidental upsetting of a pot of boiling fat.

The s.s. Nanchang, arriving from Swatow, reports one suicide en route; no further details being given in the ship's Harbour Office report. Chan Kow, firman of the Arafura, from Otaru and Moli, died from pneumonia on April 25th, two days before reaching the Japanese port.

Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., prosecuted in a case in which a Chinese constable was charged before Major C. Willson this morning with desertion from the Force in 1923. His Worship, after hearing Mr. Kent on the particulars of the defendant's service with the Force, passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

Mr. B. Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer & Co., has now returned to business after an absence of 10 weeks, due to a football accident in February. Mr. Pasco was fortunately insured against accident by the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Ltd., for whom the local agents are James H. Blackhouse, Limited.

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Inspector Sinton replied that the nuisance was not only in respect of the pools of water.

The defendant was fined \$50 and ordered to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance.

Defendant at Willeden: You can't get sober in two hours, can you?

The magistrate: You are the man of experience, not I.

"I want an injunction order against my tenant," said a woman at Willeden.

"You and I are getting to know each other very well," said Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, to a widow, of eighty-two, whom he fined 20s. when she made her sixth appearance before him this year accused of being drunk and incapable.

"You believe your name," said Mr. Platten, the Tottenham magistrate, to a man named Water, accused of drunkenness.

"Kept no books! That is one way of giving trouble to the executors and profit to lawyers," said Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch.

During a sham fight in the old Volunteer days an officer noticed a private standing upright.

"Hi! What are you doing there?" he shouted. "Take cover. You'll be shot."

"It's all right, sir," was the reply. "I've got me foot on the enemy's colonel's face."

The Rev. Francis Roughton, vicar of Gallywood, near Chelmsford, and his wife were pelted with soot and eggs by irate parishioners after a stormy Church council meeting.

More than a hundred people followed the vicar to the vicarage, and by the time he arrived there he was covered with soot, eggs, and earth. A policeman was powerless to help him. Mrs. Roughton and a number of women sympathisers were also pelted.

The parishioners' grievances were that the vicar refused to allow the children's treat in the schoolroom, enforced the resignation of a bell-ringer, and discouraged whist drives and dances.

The vicar said to the demonstrators that he intended doing his duty as minister. The crowd before dispersing tattered the vicarage gates.

MAN DROWNED.**FATAL SWIM IN TAIPÓ RIVER.**

A Chinese hawker, thirty years of age, was drowned in the Taipó River on Monday afternoon.

The deceased went to the river at about 1 p.m. on Monday for the joint purpose of gathering shells and swimming. At about 2.45 p.m. he was seen to be in difficulties, and waving his hands frantically.

He sank before help could be rendered, and the body was recovered, and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

USED OLD BRICKS.**CONTRACTOR FINED FIFTY DOLLARS.**

Divergence from the plans of two houses which are being constructed in Yaumati were alleged against a contractor before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the manager of the Hung Lee firm of contractors was charged with using inferior "blue bricks" in the construction of the ground, first and second floors of No. 208 and 212, Shanghai Street.

The defendant said the bricks used had been taken from old houses and he did not know that they were unsuitable for the present work.

His Worship:—You are a building contractor, and you ought to know.

The defendant replied that he had given instructions that only the good bricks were to be used.

It was stated by Mr. Neville, of the P.W.D., that the defendant had demolished three houses and used the old bricks in the new premises. These bricks were only permitted to be utilised for the top storey, but they were being used for the lower storeys as well.

A fine of \$50 was imposed and an order made for the walls to be opened up for inspection and then reconstructed to the satisfaction of the Building Authority.

MOSQUITO BREEDING.**FACTORY NUISANCE TO BE ABATED.**

The manager of the Yick Wo Soy Factory, of Kip Shek Mei, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with failing to abate a nuisance by allowing mosquito larvae to be present in stagnant water in pools, jars, pots and earthenware kongs on the premises.

The defendant said the nuisance had already been abated, but it was stated by Inspector Sinton that although there were no signs of larvae on the premises at present, there was a likelihood of a recurrence. The defendant had actually drained his premises, but the water had run on to a vacant piece of Crown land, where it had accumulated.

What was necessary was the construction of a sump which should be emptied periodically. His Worship pointed out that the defendant had carried out the necessary drainage work on his own premises, and could hardly be expected to make channels on Crown land.

Inspector Sinton replied that the nuisance was not only in respect of the pools of water.

The defendant was fined \$50 and ordered to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance.

DODGED A PUNCH.**INTRUDER SENTENCED ON THREE COUNTS.**

BANDITS SEIZE BIG PARTY.**OVER HUNDRED CHINESE ARE KIDNAPPED.****KWANTUNG AFFAIR.**

An unusual story is reported in the Canton vernacular Press of the kidnapping of over a hundred people.

It appears that on April 23rd, a party of villagers of Shantak District, numbering 107, proceeded to the Sai Chiu District with the intention of paying respect to the memory of their ancestors buried there. They were all members of one big clan named Koon.

While passing through the mountainous part of the district they encountered a gang of bandits owing allegiance to a notorious chief named Lung Yung-sha. All the bandits were armed, and they seized the whole party of visitors.

Fortunately, however, during the fight one of the small boys amongst the captives succeeded in escaping from the bandit den and later reported the outrage to the Village Volunteer Corps.

When the bandits discovered that this lad had escaped, and was likely to inform the authorities of the affair, the bandit chief shot five of the captives by way of revenge.

Later, troops arrived at the bandit stronghold and fought desperately with the desperadoes, but the brigands were able to make off taking with them all the prisoners. The troops made a fruitless pursuit and only succeeded in killing and wounding a few of the bandits.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**CHINESE GETS EXECUTIVE POST.**

Three Chinese Councillors and six Chinese members of the Council's committees were recently added to the Shanghai Municipal Council which has decided also to appoint one or two Chinese to every department. The appointment of Chinese to high rank in the S. M. C. departments has begun with the selection of a Chinese as Deputy Police Commissioner.

The need of a Chinese Deputy Police Commissioner has long been felt by the Municipal authorities and Mr. Yao Tseng-moo, assistant secretary, was recommended for the position by Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, Commissioner of Police. Mr. Yao has already taken up his post at the Gordon Road Police Station.

Mr. Yao is a native of Shanghai, being the younger brother of Mr. Yao Peh-hung and first cousin of Mr. Yao Tso-lo, noted Chinese of Shanghai. He entered St. John's University at the age of 14 and finished his high school course in 1905. He continued his studies at the St. John's College until he was junior in 1908.

It was in that year that Mr. Yao began to serve on the Shanghai Municipal Council. He was promoted to the position of Assistant Secretary in 1921. Mr. Yao is well educated in both the Chinese and English languages and is popular both among the Chinese and foreigners of Shanghai. He is the first Chinese Deputy Police Commissioner in the force.

It is learnt that of the Chinese members on the Shanghai Municipal Council, Dr. D. S. Chen is working on the police committee which requires the service of a man with his knowledge of law.

NEW KOWLOON BRANCH.**LANE, CRAWFORD'S BAKERY DEPARTMENT.**

In order to meet the demands of the growing population in Kowloon, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have now opened a bread, cake and grocery department, at 74, Nathan Road, in conjunction with the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Ltd. The last-named Company have lately found that their premises on the corner of Humphreys Avenue have become too small and they have now extended by taking over half the adjoining shop. It is in the other half of this shop that Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have opened their new department and they are now providing service and facilities which will doubtless be much appreciated by housewives and others.

It is announced that big supplies of cakes, fancy gateaux and pastries will always be on hand and that the ladies of Kowloon will be able to shop in this regard just as well at Kowloon as they can now at the central store in Hongkong.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. E. M. G. Ozerlo of the A.P.C., Canton, to Miss Olive Xavier of the A.P.C., Hongkong.

WORST YEARS LEFT BEHIND.**CHINA UNDERWRITERS PROGRESS.****OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE MUCH BRIGHTER.****TO-DAY'S MEETING.**

Presiding at the fourth annual general meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., at noon to-day, Mr. R. G. Shewan was able to report satisfactory progress by the various Departments of the Company.

He stated that the income from the Accident Department had been doubled for the second year in succession, and that there was an increase of over \$84,000 in the premiums received by the Life Department.

The Company's progress, he said, had been as satisfactory as they had reason to hope, and they could consider that they had left their most difficult years behind.

Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—We have now the pleasure to lay before you our report and the accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927, and, as these have been in your hands for the required period, I will with your consent take them as read.

As on the last occasion, we have converted all silver currency figures to Hongkong dollars and all gold currency figures to sterling at the parities. The gold and silver figures have then been converted for convenience of reference to Hongkong dollars at the rate ruling at 31st December, 1927, namely 2s. 0¾d. As the rate differs slightly from that at which the figures were combined on 31st December, 1926, we have, for the sake of continuity, shown the figures brought forward at last year's rate and carried the difference to Exchange Account.

The Revenue Accounts are being shown this year in the same form as previously, but it is proposed in future in order to minimize fluctuations to combine the Marine, Fire and Accident Departments, following the precedent of some of the larger composite companies transacting business locally.

I will now refer to the various departments in the same order as on previous occasions.

Marine Department.

In the Marine Department, the net premiums have been reduced by the discontinuance of business from an unprofitable source referred to last year and by the reduction in our net retentions as a measure of precaution also then referred to. The gross premiums on the more profitable part of the business have increased in a satisfactory manner and in total the net premiums stand at \$120,271 against \$145,163 last year. While the net premium income showed some decrease, we can safely say that the constitution of the business is much more satisfactory.

The steps taken with regard to this Department last year, and referred to in my speech, have proved effective, and the result is reflected in the Revenue Account for the current year. Reserves set up last year for outstanding and unexpired risks have proved more than adequate, and, with a satisfactory underwriting experience in the current year, we show a credit of \$16,624 to Profit & Loss after setting up full reserves, against a debit of \$89,702 in 1926. I believe that the reserves now set up are ample to cover outstanding claims and unexpired risks.

Fire Insurance.

The Fire Insurance Department premiums amount to \$81,819 against \$85,770 in 1926, but the account shows a debit balance of \$4,141. This is attributable to the fact that larger reserves have been set up for outstanding and unexpired risks than on the previous occasions.

In the face of competition it is not easy at the present time to expand the Marine and Fire Department very rapidly though we are making all endeavours to do so. This being so, I do not anticipate any very considerable profit from these Departments in the near future, but the business is sound and if, as I hope, we are able later on to extend our operations, these Departments should, in course of time, contribute their share to the profits.

Accident Department.

The Accident Department produced premiums of \$13,145 thereby doubling the income for the second year in succession. The expenses at \$5,271 are very slightly in excess of those for the two previous years. After setting up reserves of \$5,258 a sum of \$1,346 is

NO MONEYLENDING RECEIPTS.**JUDGE CONDEMS A LOCAL PRACTICE.****LONG INSTALMENTS.**

A money-lending case which was heard by Mr. P. Jacke, acting Pulse Judge, in the Summary Court this morning, in which a defendant said he had paid five instalments while the Indian plaintiff contended that he had only received two, caused the Lordship to remark on the local practice of receipts not being given by money-lenders on payment of money.

The plaintiff was Narajan Singh, administrating the estate of the late Ojagar Singh, and the defendant was Mr. Hussans, clerk of the R.A.S.C. The claim was for \$324 on a promissory note dated June 3, last year.

The plaintiff said that the note was given in settlement of another action and was for \$354. He admitted that he had received two instalments of \$15 each, leaving the balance claimed.

The defendant said he had paid five instalments, for which the plaintiff had refused to give receipts.

The plaintiff said there was no objection to giving receipts, and his Lordship commented that an acknowledgment should be given. He suggested that money paid should be recorded on the back of the note in the presence of both parties so that the court could see how matters stood. Addressing the defendant he said it was no use coming to Court and making statements which he could not prove. The defendant, added his Lordship, would be quite justified in refusing payment until a receipt was given.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff and the defendant was ordered to pay \$12 a month instalments.

P. & O. CAPTAIN DIES.**COLLAPSES ON DECK OF "NALDERA."**

Sydney, May 1.

Captain P. C. E. Dayas, the commander of the P. & O. liner Nalder, collapsed on the deck when 200 miles from here, and died.

Reuter.

[The local office of the P. & O. Company have no record of Captain Dayas' career. The second in command is Chief Officer F. E. French, R.N.R., who holds a master's certificate, and it is presumed that he will take charge of the liner, which, according to schedule, left Sydney yesterday.]

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, addressing a missionary meeting at Ipswich recently, said: "I don't know whether you have dances. There are a certain number of clergy who look askance at dancing. Many more probably question whether it is a proper thing to take part in whilst driving. I think in our country parishes two of the great means of helping on Christian fellowship have been dances and whilst

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COMMUNISTS SACK BIG CITY.**SEVERAL THOUSANDS KILLED.****SLAUGHTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES.****HUNAN TYRANNY.**

Hengchow, Apr. 10.

A pamphlet distributed by the refugees from Anren city gives a long description of the sufferings of the inhabitants of the city during the time it has been in the hands of the Communists.

The pamphlet is addressed to the Nationalist Government and states in part, that the sufferings of the inhabitants of his town were the same as those of Leiyang and Chenchow; apart from an early Communist occupation when only

some ten murders were committed the procedure has been practically the same.

Troops Fleed.

The pressure on Leiyang by Government troops forced the band to depart from that centre and they immediately rushed to Anren. The small garrison that had been stationed there working with a local defence corps since the first Communist uprising left at the approach of the large body from Leiyang, and the field was left clear for the Communists to take revenge which they did.

Thousands Killed.

Some thousands were killed with the usual atrocities, and most of the houses have been destroyed. What, according to the pamphlet made matters harder for the people, was the heavy rains which set in making the roads impassable, and thus preventing the escape of many who would otherwise have got away.

On this occasion it appears that the Communists army were divided into separate bodies with separate functions such as the "Burning and killing corps" the "Searching the mountain corps" the "Black face corps" etc.

Their slogans were simply kill, with the addition of a long list of the various classes to be killed.

According to this list if the programme is fully carried out, there

will be practically none but themselves left.

These were the first Moros to be

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Whole District Suffers.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

MOROS EXECUTED IN MANILA.**FOUR DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.****CHLOROFORM GIVEN.**

Manila, Apr. 26. Yesterday afternoon at Bilibid Prison, four Moros—Sawajan, Hall, Barahama and Asmani—paid the death penalty for murder. They died in the electric chair, one after the other, in the order named.

Only one of the doomed men went to the chair protesting his innocence. This was the last to expire the crime, Asmani. And he was likewise the only one who walked unsupported to his doom. The others had been given an anaesthetic and required the aid of guards to be taken from the death chapel to the death chamber.

An anaesthetic in the form of chloroform was administered to all of the men, so that each was unconscious when the death-dealing current of electricity was turned into the chair.

Two Shocks.

Sawajan and Barahama died from the first shock. Two shocks were required to satisfy the demand of the law with the others.

The crime for which the four men were electrocuted was the murder at Jolo of another Moro named Hassan, on May 10, 1926, for the purpose of robbery. The quartette secured Pesos 50 as the result of their crime.

Efforts were made to secure a commutation of sentence for the condemned men but Governor General Stimson, after a careful study of the case, declined to interfere and permitted the law to take its course.

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Exchange Edge. Tel. C. 871**NEW TENNIS
CHAMPION.****MAJOR STEVENSON DEFEATS
S. E. GREEN.**

In a fast and exciting match, Major W. B. Stevenson won the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis championship on the cricket ground yesterday by defeating last year's holder, Mr. S. E. Green, by 6-4, 6-8, 6-4, 6-4, in the final. It was the first time that Major Stevenson has been in the final for the championship and he is to be congratulated on defeating such a redoubtable opponent.

There was not a great deal to choose between the pair. Major Stevenson, while not placing with the deadly accuracy of Green, showed great agility in returning difficult balls and made a number of exceptionally good recoveries. He also caused his opponent some trouble by continually varying his game. Green played largely from the base line and relied upon clever and accurate placing.

After Stevenson had won the first set, he was going well for the second when Green broke through his service and took the set at 8-6.

The next two sets were notable for the number of times that deuce was called. In both, Green started off well and obtained the lead, but Stevenson levelled up and won them.

**ATTEMPTED TO ROB HIS
FATHER.****FOUR-YEAR SENTENCE IN
SHANGHAI.**

An unusual story of a son attempting to rob his own father, assisted by a gang of armed robbers, was unfolded at the Provincial Court at Shanghai last week, when two Cantonese youths made their appearance upon a charge of attempted armed robbery, on April 6, at 1078 Hanbury Road, the home of the father of one of the accused.

Detective Sub-Inspector Schmidt gave evidence of arrest, and described how the police, on information received to the effect that a robbery had been planned at this address, maintained a watch upon the premises and at an early hour on April 6 observed three men knock at the door of 1078 Hanbury Road. A move was made in their direction by the watching police but the gang saw them and fled, one making his escape, the other two being arrested. One of these was the son of the tenant of the house they had gone to rob. He was unarmed but his companion was found to be in possession of an imitation pistol and a knife. They admitted having gone to the house to rob the occupants.

The complainant identified the youth as his adopted son, but said that he had disowned him some time earlier for committing petty larcenies. He had inserted a notice in the newspapers to this effect. Only a day or two before the attempted robbery, his son had tried to borrow some money from him and he had refused him. However, he had become suspicious and warned the police, who kept watch, with the above results.

Each of the accused was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

FLOODS IN AMERICA.**MUCH DAMAGE IN MANY
STATES.**

Atlanta, Apr. 24.

River banks in parts of six southern states vanished to-day beneath spring torrents, which almost over-night isolated scores of towns and villages and caused damage mounting into the millions.

Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi; Arkansas and Tennessee felt the scourge of the flood in the order named, with Florida suffering the heaviest loss. Four persons are known to have perished and thousands of others are homeless.

One thousand persons were driven from their homes in Brewton, Alabama. Four railroads leading into Florida are paralyzed.

**ARMY FOOTBALL.
GARRISON LEAGUE SPECIAL
MATCH.**

The special match arranged between the winners of the Garrison League and "The Rest," which was arranged for to-day, has been postponed, and will be played to-morrow at the Bookunpo Ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

BADMINTON.**FINALS OF PEAK TOURNAMENT.**

The finals of the Badminton Tournament organised by the Peak Club are to be played off to-morrow, at the Club, commencing at 6 p.m.

**FOOTBALL FORECAST
COMPETITION.****LAST OPPORTUNITY OF
WINNING \$50.**

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League matches (to be played on Saturday next, May 6th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

**"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.**Matches to be played on
May 6th:**DIVISION I.**

Wednesday	v	Aston Villa.
March. U.	v	Liverpool.
Middlesbro.	v	Sunderland.
Bolton	v	Sheffield U.

DIVISION II.

Blackpool	v	Fulham.
Clapton	v	Wolves.
Reading	v	Swans.
Stoke	v	Leeds.

DIVISION III.

Brighton	v	Swindon.
Palace	v	Plymouth.
Durham	v	Crewe.
Wrexham	v	Halifax.

Name

Address

No. 36. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

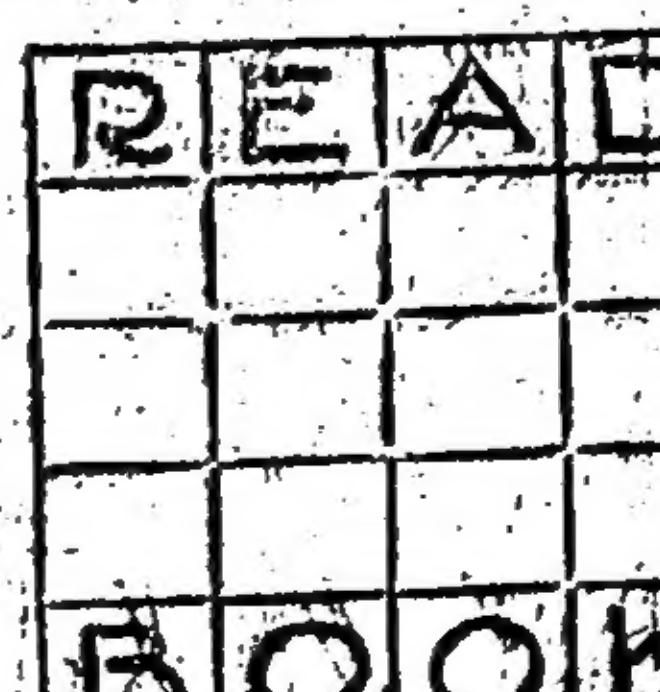
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LETTER GOLF.

From READ to BOOK, to-day's letter golf puzzle, is a short hole.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to

HEW in three strokes, COW,

HOW, HEW, HEW.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

**WORST YEARS LEFT
BEHIND.**

(Continued from Page 7.)

carried to the debit of Profit & Loss. The claim ratio has been moderate and the small debit is attributable to setting up full reserves on a rapidly expanding business. At the same rate of progress, we should very soon be able to show a profit in the Department.

Life Department Increases.

I will now refer to the Life Department, where we look for our principal development. The premiums received during the year amounted to \$84,782 on the premium income for the previous year. Expenses, (excluding commission) at \$185,375 are less by \$1,200 than in the previous year. Claims notified, though heavier than last year, are quite within the expectation in view of the increased volume and longer duration of the business.

The total life income for the year exceeded all outgoings (including claims) by \$26,542 which we have carried to the credit of the Life Establishment Account, thus fulfilling the prediction made in the Chairman's speech two years ago. It is anticipated that the surpluses of income over outgo will increase rapidly in successive years, but the surpluses will require for some years to be carried to reduction of Life Establishment Account or placed to reserves.

We have now established Life agents throughout the Far East, and we can, I think, regard the future of the Department with confidence, although it is unlikely that the actuarial position will justify our recommending a distribution to shareholders for some time.

There is one item in the balance sheet which perhaps calls for explanation, viz. the item of Outstanding Premiums, \$99,595. To the extent of \$83,723 this represents life premium receipts in the hands of Agents for collection, and, of the balance, only about \$2,500 remains outstanding at the present time.

Good Response to Call.

The call of \$1 per share made on the 9th May last year was satisfactorily responded to, in spite of a certain amount of financial stringency in the Colony, and 98 per cent. of the call has been paid up.

The proceeds of this Call form a reserve against the Company's commitments, but it is unlikely that any further capital will need to be spent or that a further call will be required, at all events for some years.

We have on this occasion applied the amount of \$65,500, shown in the last statement as "Premium on Shares Account," in the first place to write off the items of \$5,818.62 preliminary expenses and \$10,000 underwriting commission, and the balance, together with the net credit balance from the Fire, Marine and Accident Departments, has been applied to the credit of Profit and Loss.

Better Outlook.

The debit to Profit and Loss is reduced from \$116,382 to \$47,243. This substantial reduction, the elimination of the two items referred to, and the reduction in the Life Establishment Account indicate an improved position. We think that on the whole progress has been at least as satisfactory as we had reason to hope, and we may consider we have left our most difficult years behind.

It is felt that the position of the Company is now such that the Manager will be able to take his leave without prejudice to the Company's interests, and he proposes on his return journey, in six months' time, to visit the Southern Agencies with a view to consolidating our interests there. During his absence Mr. E. R. Childe, the Assistant Secretary, will assume charge of the Company.

Articles Altered.

As you are aware, we have during the year altered the Company's Articles, and the business of the Company is now conducted by a Board of Directors elected in accordance with the Articles by the shareholders, a form of constitution which is undoubtedly more satisfactory from every point of view for an Insurance Company than the constitution which it replaced.

In conclusion, I should like to express the Directors' appreciation given by the branch managers, resident secretaries, agents and staff in our various branches.

Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Additional Director.

In asking a shareholder to propose the election of Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. C. B. Brooke, and Mr. Li Tse-fong to the Board of Directors, the Chairman said:—

"I should like to say that, in inviting Mr. Brooke to join the Board as an additional Director, it was

SHARE PRICES.**TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.**

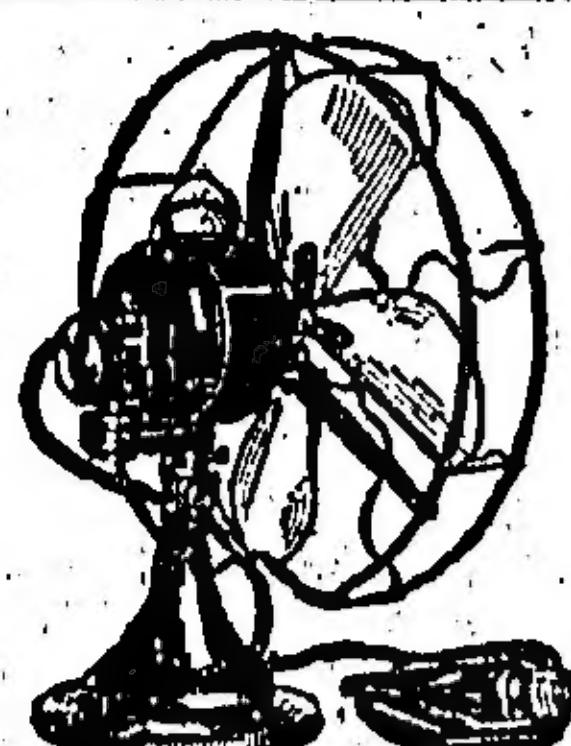
The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1302 ^b.
Chartered Bank, \$21 ^b.
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ST. PETER'S CLUB.

INTERESTING SPORTING EVENTS ARRANGED.

The monthly circular of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club states:

The Club thank all those who have helped (directly or indirectly) to make the above event the great success it was. We congratulate (1) Mr. Pte. Tierney in having won this Race of 8.6 miles in the fast time of 53 minutes, (2) The Hongkong and Singapore Mounted Battery in having won the Team Shield and (3) Messrs. G. H. Kew and R. E. G. Leong in having won respectively the first and second prizes for members. A full account of this was given in the Press.

Joint Secretarship.

Mr. A. E. Perry has been elected to the above post in succession to Mr. G. S. Zimmerman. It is hoped that members will continue to give to Mr. Peter Pau and the new Joint Secretary the same co-operation as they have done in the past. Mr. Perry's office address is at Assurance France Asiatic and residential address, the Club, where he will be found most evenings of the week.

Club Bathing Shed.

Mainly through the good offices of the Club Patron, Hon. Dr. R. R. Kotewall, C. M. G., the Government have allotted this Club a site for the erection of Bathing Shed at Repulse Bay.

The Club thank very warmly those firms and gentlemen who have so liberally contributed towards the cost of erection. The shed is under construction and will be ready for use sometime about the middle of the month. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Empire Day at 3.30 p.m. Members desirous of inviting friends to attend this function are requested to notify the Secretaries of later than 18th May.

The launch picnics which proved a successful last year will be continued this summer. The first picnic will be held on Whit-Monday, 28th May, and will be an all-day event.

It is hoped to hold the first Moonlight Picnic on 2nd June (Saturday) weather conditions being favorable. The weekend Picnics this year will begin on 3rd June (Saturday).

Indoor Sports.

We congratulate Mr. Philip Tai in having won the Kotewall Challenge Cup for Billiard. The Ping Pong Championship and Tournament will be held on Whit-Monday, 28th May, and will be an all-day event.

When the girl's parents were called before his Worship, however, they refused to consent to the proposal and in reply said that the girl's fiancee had intimated that he still wished to marry her, notwithstanding that fact that she had lived with the defendant.

His Worship: All the same I don't think it is likely to be a happy marriage. I am going to dismiss the charge. I think, under the circumstances, it is not one to be proceeded with.

His Worship remarked to Mr. Williams that further negotiations would be necessary.

FANLING GOLF.

A. E. LISSAMAN WINS THE BOGEY POOL.

A. E. Lissaman (8) won the bogey pool at Fanling over the week-end, returning a card 2-up. Other scorers were: T. D. E. Pendered (3), R. M. Finlayson (6), all square; D. Forbes (12), A. H. Alexander (Scratch); 1 down.

There were twenty-seven entries.

We are glad to welcome the return of our Vice-President, Mr. W. L. Patterson. Last month saw the departure of Prof. Kwok, who is leaving Hongkong for good. Shanghai is the fortunate city which will be the new field of his work.

Membership Campaign.

At the Extra-ordinary Meeting held last month, it was suggested that a Drive for new members be made as early as possible. It is hoped by this campaign, to bring into the Club a larger circle of young men who might wish to associate themselves with the Club's activities and aims. As soon as the Finance and the Executive Committees have gone into this, an announcement will be made.

CHINESE CONSTABLE ACQUITTED.

CHARGE OF HARBOURING WITHDRAWN.

A charge of harbouring a young Chinese girl brought against a Chinese constable before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon was withdrawn by the prosecution and the defendant was accordingly discharged.

Mr. E. H. Williams, assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted, and Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the defendant. Mr. L. H. C. Cathrope, assistant Superintendent of Police for Kowloon, watched the case on behalf of his department.

Mr. d'Almada intimated to his Worship that the two parties were negotiating for a settlement of this love affair.

Mr. Williams said that the case was similar to one which gave the French police a busy time, but in one case involving a Chinese who brought two pistols into play, the police arrested the man after a running street battle.

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SHANGHAI CRIME.

FIVE SHOT BY ARMED BANDITS.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

Criminal gangs wrote one of the blackest pages in the crime history of the French Concession on Wednesday when they broke out in four cases of shooting and shot down five people. The worst case involved a gang of five men, apparently political gunmen, in the employ of Communists, who carrying out political vengeance on a suspected informer, entered 178 Rue Bourgeat, and deliberately shot three Chinese, one of whom was a woman. One of the victims was killed and the other two were mortally wounded.

This case crowned a day of unusual crime which gave the French police a busy time, but in one case involving a Chinese who brought two pistols into play, the police arrested the man after a running street battle.

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Shot on Staircase.

French police enquiries show that the gang of five armed men visited the house and after herding the servants into a room on the ground floor, under guard of one armed man, the remaining four mounted the staircase and started their deadly work. In the middle of the staircase they were met by a man whose attention had been drawn to the noise of the invasion.

Without a word, the leading bandit shot him through the forehead. On the first floor, in one of the bedrooms, they found a woman who had hidden under the bed. A shot was fired at her and mortally wounded her. In another room, they found the husband who, overcome with fear, was hiding under the bedclothes. He was killed by a bullet fired through his forehead at close range. The gang then left the house.

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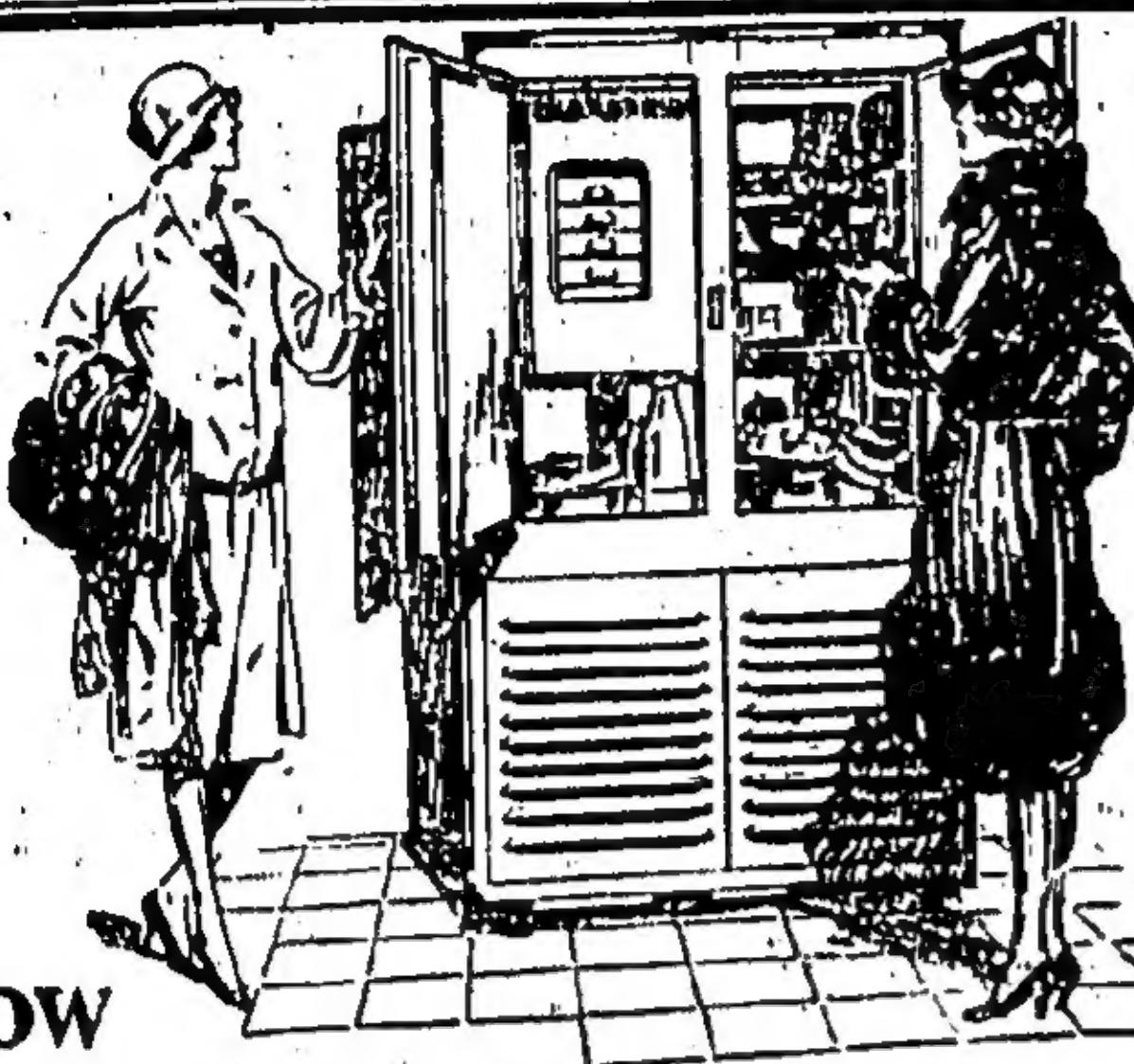
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GUNS REPULSE "TANKS."

CONCENTRATED FIRE ON 2-MILES FRONT.

Tanks will not have things all their own way in war. The guns recently showed that tanks will occasionally meet their "Bilbocourt and Flesquiers."

There has been some interesting fighting between the "ironclads" of land warfare and the guns on the tank ranges. Although it was a one-sided affair—for the tanks had no crews, and, therefore, no hitting power, and the gunners were giving high explosive shells, some valuable lessons were learned by the large company of officers for whose instruction the School of Artillery had arranged the demonstration.

The demonstrations showed the various methods by which tanks can be engaged by artillery fire. There was also practical illustration of the possibilities of "predicted" fire. This is fire put down, based on calculations only, and without any previous shooting. The tank targets were represented by canvas screens on wheels, and the machinery employed enabled the targets to advance towards the guns.

The last of to-day's demonstration, in which tanks attacked artillery, was brought to an abrupt end through the cable being badly cut by shell fire. This brought the advancing tanks to a standstill in the midst of their baptism of fire. One battery carried out an attack on tanks with its observation post in the air.

There was only one "Tank," but it represented a company covering an area of ground which the gunners plastered with shell.

There were, in all, 28 guns extended into a line covering approximately two miles, and all trained on a defile of about 400 yards long and 200 yards wide.

When the bursts took place the initiated could easily identify the fall of the 60-pounder. The concentration lasted for 90 seconds. The fire was "predicted." The line, range, &c., were calculated by the gunners without previous registration. It is, I think, safe to say that few, if any, tanks would have survived. At closer range, about 1,500 yards, and in open country where the gunners had the advantage of firing "over their sights," some of the tanks were quickly made "cold iron."

For this success the cavalry, gunner, and other officers who were spectators could not withhold a cheer.

The staff at the School of Artillery set themselves the task of showing what could be done by gunners in the way of engaging tanks with the material with which the Royal Regiment is now equipped. The spectator officers went away satisfied with the eminent practical instruction they had received.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

DREDGING AND SURVEYING OFF KOWLOON.

The following Notice to Mariners (No. 67) has been issued by the local authorities under date May 1 relative to dredging operations and obstructions to navigation caused thereby.

Under authority conferred by Section 92 (5) of Ordinance No. 10 of 1890—it is hereby notified that on and after Monday, January 9, 1928 (and until further notice) dredging and surveying operations will be carried out off Tsim-sha-tau, Kowloon Point in an area bounded as follows:

North Boundary. Lat. 22° 17' 47" N.

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West Boundary. Long. 114° 9' 45" E.

Masters of all vessels are to proceed at a speed not greater than five knots when approaching and in the vicinity of this area and are not to pass between the dredger and her anchor buoys.

Warning is hereby given that survey operations will be carried out from time to time in connexion with the dredging of this area.

Masters of vessels are warned to keep clear of all sampans, motor boats, and buoys used on this work, which shall each carry a red flag and to keep a good lookout for all craft so employed.

Government Gazette Notice No. 339 of 9th December, 1927, is hereby cancelled.

LAW'S DELAYS.

MR. JUSTICE ROWLETT BLAMES THE SOLICITORS.

When an application was made to Mr. Justice Rowlett in the King's Bench Division to postpone the hearing of an action on the ground that one of the parties was indisposed, the Judge said it was extraordinary how people in cases which were to come before the Court were taken ill just as the hearing was about to begin.

Mr. Cartwright Sharp, who made the application, said that in this particular case it was the plaintiff who was ill.

Mr. Justice Rowlett—Well, perhaps he has a rotten case.

(Laughter.)

Later five applications to postpone cases until next term were made to his lordship, who said that he wished that the people in the legal profession would help the business of the Courts.

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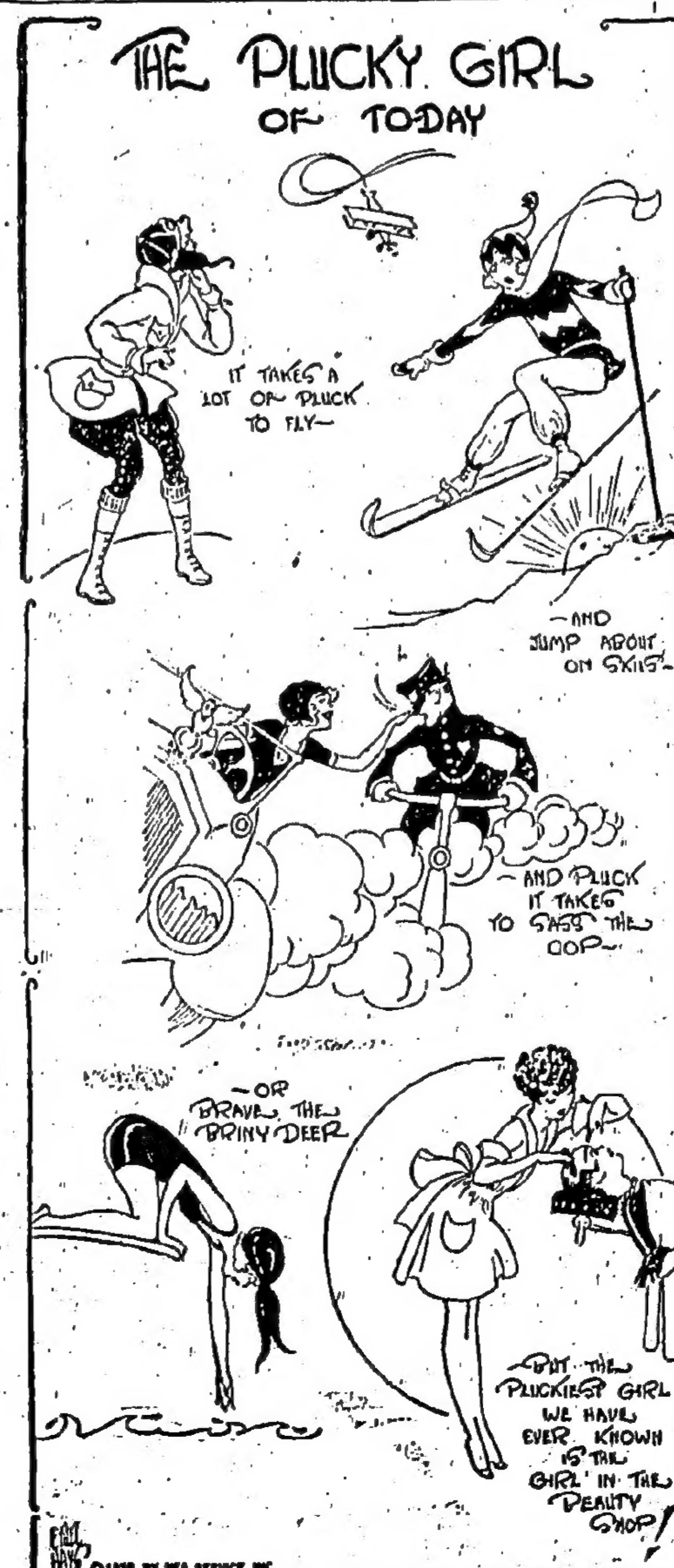
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CHAPTER XXV.

"Quite delicious, really!" the man with the cultured, eastern accent drawled, leaning more nonchalantly on his cane and twinkling his too wise, too bold black eyes at "Princess Lalla."

"But really now, I wouldn't say you're a freak, your highness. In fact, you're quite the most delicious little morsel I've seen since I left New York. If I were a Ziegfeld scout I assure you I'd be burling your praises in a ruinously verbose telegram, and the devil take the expense. Would you mind lifting that scrap of black lace that is tantalizing me most provokingly? I am tormented with the hope that your big eyes are really the purple pansies they appear to be through your veil."

"No?" He shook his head with humorous resignation as Sally shook her head in violent negation. "Well, well! One can't have everything, and really your arms and your adorable little hands and your Tanager figurine body should be quite enough—as an appetizer."

You don't happen to 'spoil' the Hula dancer—the ancient but still hopeful lady who has just been exercising her hips for my benefit—do you? But I suppose that is too much to ask of Providence. Life is full of these bitter disappointments, these nagging, unsatisfied desires—"

"Please!" Sally gasped, forgetting her carefully acquired accent which had been bequeathed her by way of Mrs. Bybee, by the erstwhile "Princess Lalla," now in a hospital, minus her appendix, but still too weak to jeopardize Sally's job. "I—I'm not permitted to talk to the audience!"

"Child, child!" the New Yorker protested, raising a beautifully kept hand admonishingly. "Spare me! I'm always being met with signs like that in New York—in elevators, buses, whatnots—but since I am intrigued with the music of your voice—a very young and un-Turkish voice, if I may be permitted to say, so—I shall be delighted to cross your little brown palm with silver, provided you will guarantee that your make-up does not rub off. I'm deplorably finicky."

Sally, overwhelmed by his gift for monologue, uttered in a teasing, bantering, intimate voice of beautiful cadences, looked desperately about her for help. But she was temporarily deserted by both audience and crier. Gus was at the moment advertising Jan the Holland giant, the chief attraction of the Palace of Wonders. His recital of the vast quantities of food which the nine-foot-nine giant consumed daily never failed to hold the crowd enthralled.

"You'll have to wait till Gus, the crier, starts my performance," she told him nervously, making no effort to deceive the blase New Yorker by a tardy resumption of her "Turkish" accent. "But—oh, please go away! Don't tease me! You'll spoil the show if you make Smart-Aleck remarks on everything I say and do."

"Smart-Aleck?" The easterner raised his silken black brows, while his humorous but cruel mouth, beneath a small, exact black mustache, twitted with a rather rueful smile. "Child, that is the unkindest cut of all! If I had been reared west of Fifth Avenue or a little farther downtown I would undoubtedly phrase it as a nasty crack! But we'll let it pass."

He walked nonchalantly up the steps leading to her platform and stood before her, only the small, black-velvet draped table with the crystal between them.

When he spoke again, in his humorous drawl, with his bold black eyes twinkling and challenging her, his words could not have been heard by anyone 10 feet away: "Will you permit me, your highness, to read the crystal for you? I'm really rather a wizard at it—a wiz, as they say on Broadway, though I assure you, your highness, that I'm not a man to succumb to the insidiousness of slang. You must be rather tired of gazing, gazing, gazing into this intriguing but slightly flawed ball of glass—and he touched it with a long, delicate finger, with a humorous contemplateness that suggested an intimate bond between the professional and the amateur—himself and herself."

"ARGUS" IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

SEAPLANE OVERTURNED BY BIG WAVE.

Bombay, Apr. 5. For the first time in the history of Bombay harbour, an aircraft carrier sailed up to the amazement and delight of large crowds watching it. It was H.M.S. Argus, a naval seaplane carrier.

Before she reached the anchorage several seaplanes carried by her took the air and circled round

"Please go away!" Sally pleaded breathlessly. "Why do you want to make fun of me? I have to earn my living somehow."

"Do you?" he smiled, his brows going higher, while deep laugh wrinkles appeared suddenly in the clear olive of his lean cheeks. "Now I'm sure you should let me read the crystal for you, for it is obvious that you have not looked into the future at all!"

He cupped his slim, beautiful hands about the crystal, his back bending in an arch as graceful as the arch of a cat's back. The posture brought his face very near to hers, so that she saw the fine grain of his skin, caught a faint, indefinable but enchanting odour from his sleek dark hair, almost as dark as her own:

He had dropped his hat upon the edge of the little table, and it too fascinated and repelled her, for its dove-grey richness insolently suggested that its owner possessed boundless money and almost wickedly sure taste.

But every item of his dress told the same story, so she really should not have picked on the hat to hate particularly. But she did; she wanted to brush it off the table, to see his flash of anger at its being soiled with the dust from "rubes" feet.

"Marvellous!" His voice became mockingly hushed and mysterious, as he pretended to gaze into the very heart of the crystal. "I see your whole past boiling away in this magic crystal—slightly flawed, though it is!"

"My past!" she shivered, forgetting that he was faking just as she did.

"You've run away from home, from poverty," he went on in that mocking, too beautiful voice, his black eyes shifting from the crystal to play their insolent, confident fire upon her wide-eyed face. "And you've run away from a man! Of course," he added lightly, "you'll always be running away from a man—men—every man that looks at you. You're absolutely irresistible, you know, child! But ah, at last you will find him—the man whom you will not run away! Now, shall I read the future for you?"

"Please go away, Gus is coming!" Sally pleaded through childishly quivering lips that would have shown ashen-pale if they had not been thickly overlaid with carmine.

"Dear old Gus! I look forward to being pals with Gus, when I give him the password. Now, the future—ah, my dear, what a future! Broadway! Bright lights! Music! And Princess Lalla in the chorus first, the most adorable little pony of them all! I shall sit in the bald-headed row and toss roses to you, child, and whisper to the eyes next me that I knew her when—when she was a delicious little fake Turkish princess, escaped from the Sultan's harem. And I see a man—let me look closely—a tall, dark man, rather handsome—" and he laughed insolently into her eyes.

"La-dee and gen-tle-men! Right this way, please! I want you, all to meet Princess Lalla, from Constantinople—"

Gus, the crier, was approaching with long, swift strides, the crowd milling behind him, like sheep following a bell-wether.

"I'll finish your future in our next scene." The New Yorker straightened, smiled into her eyes unashamedly, bowed mockingly, lifted his hat, placed it on his sleek head, retrieved his cane which had been leaning against the crystal-stand, and vaulted lightly to the ground.

Gus eyed him menacingly, suspiciously, but beamed when the easterner pressed his bill into his hands and withdrew to the outskirts of the crowd, where he evidently intended to listen to the crier's introduction of Princess Lalla.

Sally got through her performance somehow, burningly conscious of bold black eyes regarding her admiringly. When she pattered down the steps and along the flattened stubble of the earth floor of the tent on her way to the dress tent to rest between shows, a slim, immaculate figure detached itself from the crowd that was wandering reluctantly toward the exit.

ANOTHER ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

AMERICANS TO TRY IN JULY.

Miami Beach, Apr. 23.

Phil Wood and C. A. Schiller will attempt a flight from Ireland to America in July. Wood arrived here to-day.

Derbyshire Miners' Wages Board at Chesterfield has been informed that there has been an approximate loss of 7d. on every ton of coal raised during the period of ascertainment.

NAVAL EPIC.

FAMOUS BRITISH FILM TO-DAY.

The famous British naval film, "The Battle of Coronel and Falkland Islands," comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day as the big attraction until Saturday.

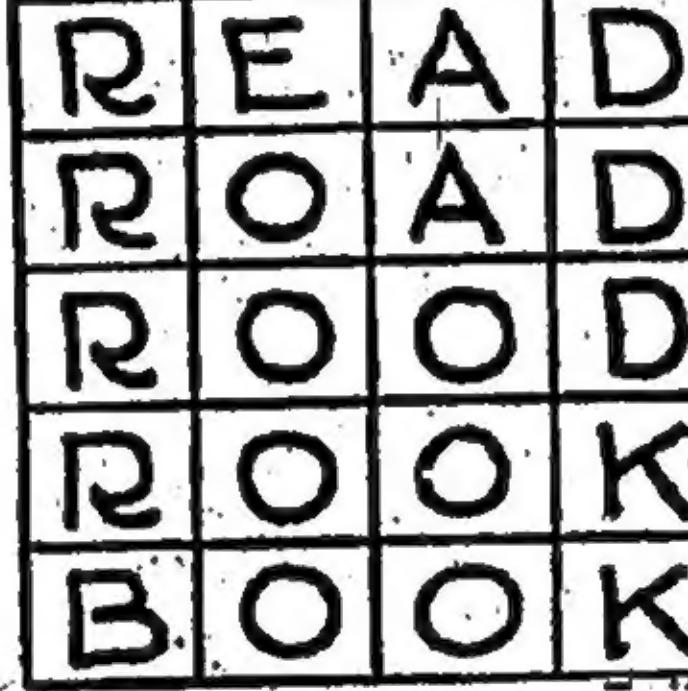
The Battle of Coronel, resulting in the total loss of "Good Hope" and "Monmouth," was fought off the Chilean coast on the eve of Sunday, November 1, 1914. Trustworthy information of the disaster did not reach the British Admiralty until November 5. "Invincible" and "Inflexible" were immediately detached from the Grand Fleet, hurriedly refitted at Devonport, and under Vice-Admiral Sturdee, sailed secretly for the Falkland Islands on November 11. Other ships were picked up off the Brazilian coast and the squadron reached the Falklands on December 7—only a few hours in advance of Von Spee. Before nightfall on December 8, the whole German squadron (except the "Dresden") was at the bottom of the sea. The value of the Falklands to the Germans lay in the fact that it was an important wireless and coaling station.

The film has been produced in a manner that redounds to the fine courage of both sides in these two dramatic exploits, and it is both a profoundly moving drama and a great chapter of naval history.

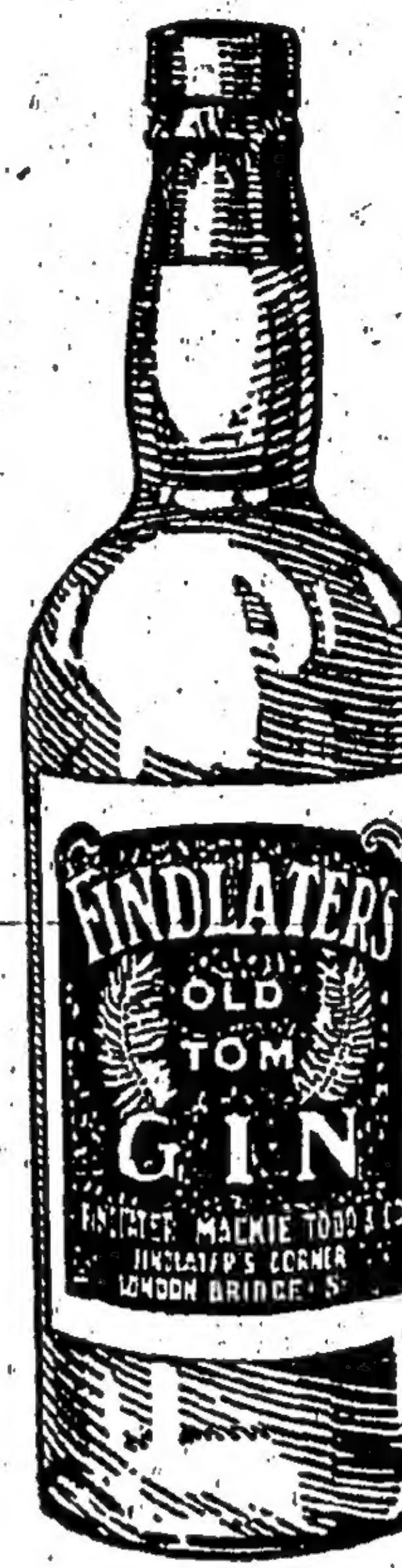
An additional attraction, at all performances will be a Pathé novelty gazette, "Our Britain" showing the Empire's fighting forces in action, during which Miss Aileen Woods will sing "Land of Hope and Glory," the audience joining in the chorus.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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SERIOUS PLAGUE.

MOSQUITO NUISANCE ON THE PEAK.

It was revealed at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board that there has been a serious plague of mosquitoes on the Peak and that a considerable number of residents have complained. The matter arose through questions standing in the name of Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who asked:

Will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board whether any steps have been taken to discover the origin of the recent plague of mosquitoes, that has been prevalent on the island, and whether any efforts have been made to deal with this?

The Chairman replied:

It is not clear whether reference is made mainly to the Peak, where there has been a serious plague of mosquitoes during the last few months, or to the island generally. I have received a considerable number of complaints from residents at the Peak and I myself have been a great sufferer as any—but I have not heard of other districts.

Negligent Residents.

Every complaint received has been investigated at once by a European Inspector and an experienced foreman has spent a considerable period during the last month or so investigating various areas. In several cases the negligence of residents had at least aggravated the plague. Old tin cans were found dumped on the hillside and in one case a collection of old milk bottles had formed an excellent breeding place. I am convinced also that sufficient attention is not paid by residents to the condition of the gutters running round the eaves of houses.

The plague of mosquitoes on the Peak was largely confined to the Pokfulam catchment area and to the hillside south of Stubbs Road. Mosquitoes were found breeding in large numbers in small collections of water on these hillsides. These pools were emptied of water and the surrounding under-growth cut.

Preventive Measures.

The permanent abolition of these breeding places would require the filling in of thousands of holes and crevices, large and small, on the hillside. The cost of this work would be enormous and any improvement made would continue only until fresh holes and crevices were eroded by the next heavy shower of rain. The weather this spring has been particularly favourable to the retention of water in any depression in the ground and to the consequent breeding of mosquitoes. A few heavy showers of rain would flush out these holes and prevent further breeding.

The worst area has been the Pokfulam catchment area which, of course, cannot be dealt with by the use of laricides. In other areas on the Peak various pools, gutters and drains have been well oiled.

Scavenging Lairs.

Dr. Koch also asked:—Can the Head of the Sanitary Department issue orders to enforce the covering of the name of Dr. Koch was held

GIFT TO JOURNALIST.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. E. R. PRICE.

There was an interesting ceremony at the office of the *China Mail* yesterday afternoon when Mr. E. R. Price was the recipient of a presentation from journalists in the Colony on the occasion of his retirement from local newspaper circles.

The presentation took the form of an inscribed cigarette case and a cheque from his colleagues, the gifts being handed over by Mr. Wai Po-chung of the *China Mail*, who referred to the pleasure it had been for local newspaper men to be associated with Mr. Price during his four years in the Colony.

Mr. Price suitably replied, that the gift would always remind him of many happy days in Hongkong.

ing over of all palls closets, middens, manure heaps, garden refuse, etc., with an impermeable layer of earth, to be constantly renewed as required in order to prevent the danger and nuisance of fly breeding during the hot weather?"

The Chairman replied:

Under Scavenging and Conservancy By-law No. 8 the occupier or owner of any latrine in that portion of the Colony served by the Conservancy Contractors with the exception of the Hill District, must make due provision for the daily removal of all excretal matters to the conservancy boats; while in the Hill District this duty is specially laid on the contractor by condition No. 7 of the Conservancy Contract.

Under the Mashed Regulations No. 14 the owner of a mashed intended for occupation must provide adequate latrine accommodation for the occupants with the receptacles for the excreta so arranged as to be fly-proof to the satisfaction of the Board.

There can therefore be no question of covering palls closets with an impermeable layer of earth. I am not aware of any regulation or by-law under which I could enforce the covering of middens, manure heaps, garden refuse, etc., with an impermeable layer of earth but I can, and frequently do, take action against such accumulations of nuisances under Section 26 subsection 8 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance in the more remote areas under the jurisdiction of the Board such accumulations are permitted if supplied with satisfactory fly-proof cover.

Extent of the Plague.

Dr. Koch said his information was different from that of the President as he understood that the plague of mosquitoes was even further down the Peak than the Chairman had mentioned. There had been large numbers of mosquitoes in the neighbourhood of Branksome Towers recently, while there were also complaints from Kowloon.

The Chairman said he could only assure Dr. Koch that if any person made a complaint regarding the prevalence of mosquitoes it was investigated at once.

Dr. Koch said if steps were taken beforehand the necessity for that would not arise.

The following question standing the name of Dr. Koch was held

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WAR MEMORIAL.

CHINESE ARCH NOW READY FOR UNVEILING.

The erection of a granite *paifau* within the main entrance of the Public Gardens in commemoration of those Chinese who lost their lives in the Great War, is now completed and the unveiling ceremony will be performed on Sunday next.

The arch is erected at the top of the flight of stone steps inside the main entrance in Garden Road. The design is entirely Chinese and inscription is in Chinese and English. The Chinese characters are in gold, engraved on the two verticals of the arch, and the English which reads: "Erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission in memory of the Chinese in the service of the British Government who died through enemy action during the Great War 1914-1918." is engraved on the horizontal portion at the top of the *paifau*.

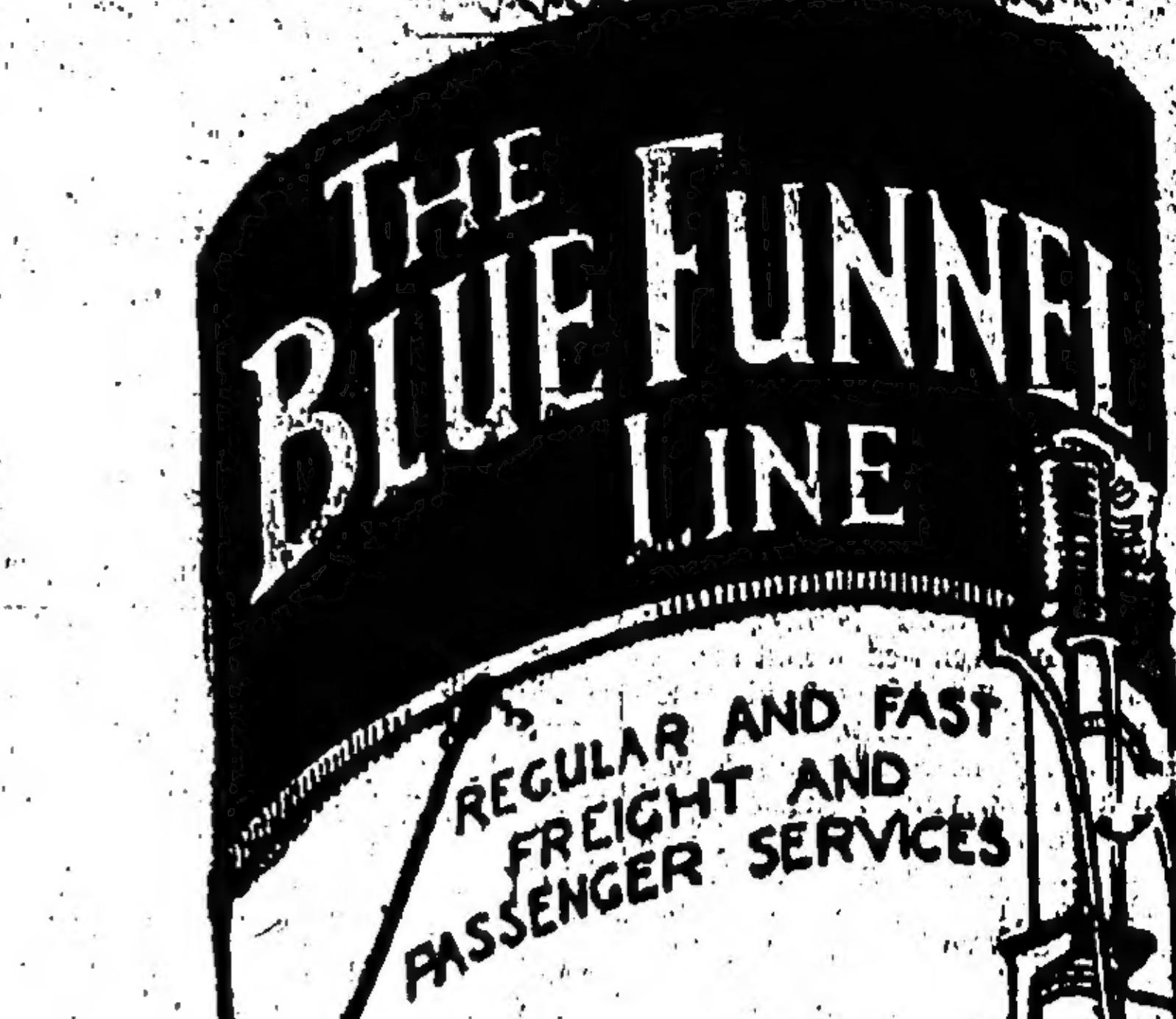
The inscription is very artistically done. The words are in black and red, the red portion by itself reading "In memory of the Chinese who died through enemy action, Great War." These words stand out strikingly at a distance. The foot of the arch is guarded by four lions.

At the unveiling ceremony, it is understood that prominent members of the community, particularly leading Chinese business men will be present.

In view of the probable heavy traffic that day, ten members of the Reserve Flying Squad will be in attendance assisting in directing traffic to the ground and the Police Reserve orders indicate that a detachment of forty Chinese Reservists will be on duty on the grounds.

over until the next meeting, Dr. Koch saying that there were statistics he wished to put before the Board:

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NANKING ISSUE. NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH CONSUL

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Negotiations between the Chinese and French diplomatic representatives over the Nanking Incident began on March 10, and it did not take long for them to come to an understanding. Dr. G. Zay Wood, Chief of the Bureau of American and European Affairs, was commissioned by Mr. Huang Fu, Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, to go to Shanghai to make final arrangements with M. J. Meyer, Acting French Consul-General, towards the signing of formal agreements between the two nations. The authorized representative of the French Government is really the French Minister for China, but as the French Minister is in Peking, he in turn delegated the Acting French Consul-General at Shanghai to take up the matter for him.

After a few days of negotiation between M. Meyer and Dr. Wood, arrangements have been reached and the notes to be exchanged between the authorized representatives of the two governments have been worked out to mutual satisfaction. There may be a few minor corrections to be made but the notes are primarily the same as those exchanged with the United States except in the following respects: (1) Unlike the British and American Governments, the French did not have a Consulate at Nanking and therefore suffered no loss on March 24, 1927 at Nanking, and (2) the French had no gunboats at Hsialkwan when the British and American war vessels put a barrage over Nanking.

The notes to be exchanged will be three in number. First, the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs' note to the French Minister for China informing the latter of his readiness to negotiate matters relative to the Nanking Incident and the French Minister's reply. Second, terms of the settlement of the Nanking Incident. Third, Chinese demand for revision of existing treaties between the two countries and the French acceptance of it.

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

COMMUNISTS THE CHIEF LOSERS.

Paris, May 1.

A dark spot in the elections from the French national standpoint is the return of three autonomists from Alsace, including the leaders Ricklin and Rosse, who are imprisoned in Colmar, and two communists from Lorraine who played the autonomists' game.

It is a sign of the Government's satisfaction with the results of the election that it chose yesterday to announce the launch of the Conversion Loan. The bourse displayed strong bullishness.—Reuter.

A STRONG PROTEST.

JAPANESE EDITORS PASS RESOLUTION.

Tokyo, May 1.

A strongly worded resolution demanding the punishment of the police concerned, also the resignation of the Home Minister and the Chief of Police was presented by the editors of seven of the leading newspapers in a protest against the alleged violence of the police toward Pressmen on the evening of April 19, when several who were attending the proletarian meeting were severely handled and injured, allegedly without cause.

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BALKAN 'QUAKES.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO DIRECT RELIEF.

Warsaw, May 1.

Dr. Wroczynski has been appointed a commissioner by the League of Nations to direct the work of international relief for the victims of the earthquakes in the Balkans and to make efforts to restrict the effects of the catastrophe and to combat epidemics resulting therefrom.—Reuter.

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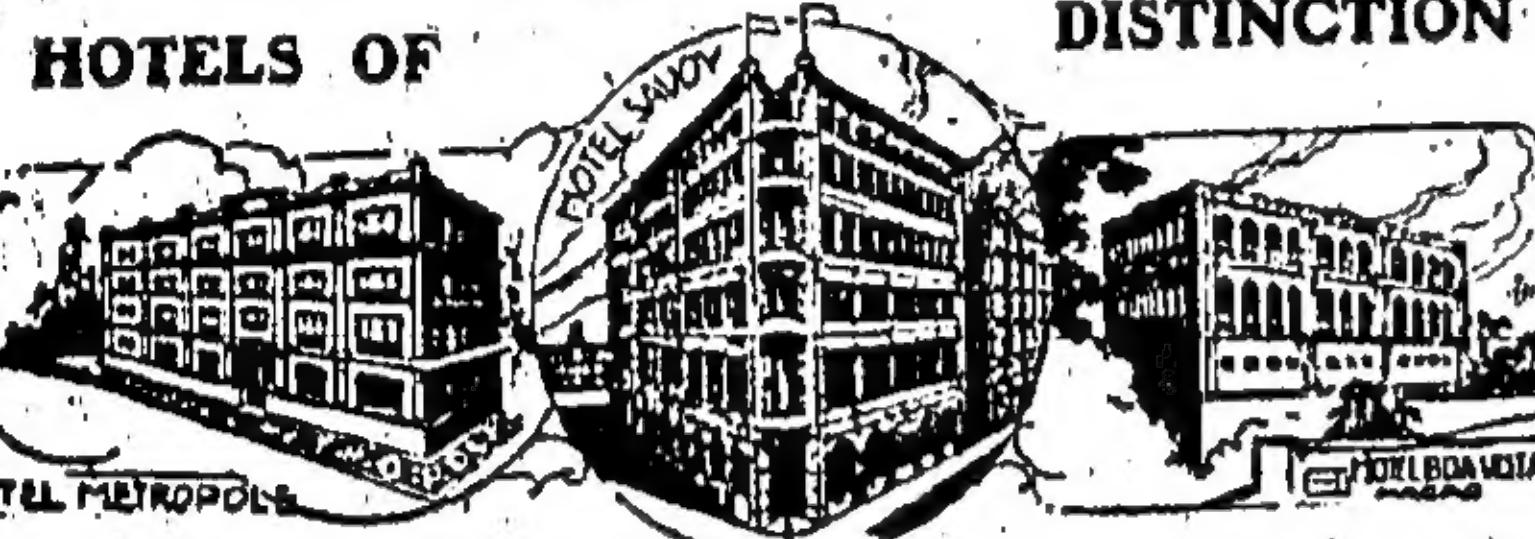
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**WIRELESS & CABLE
CONFERENCE.****NO OFFER YET MADE TO THE
GOVERNMENT.****REPORT NOT READY.**

London, May 1.
In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Baldwin said the report of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference had not yet been received.

No offer had been made direct to the Government with regard to the purchase of the whole means of wireless and telegraphic communications, but Mr. Baldwin understood that certain suggestions in this connexion had been submitted to the Conference, which was still considering them.

Replies to another question, the Prime Minister said the Dominion Government would be communicated with before the report of the Conference could be published.—Reuter.

FILIPINO CHARGED.**SAYS HE WAS "DOUBLE
CROSSED."**

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Pedro Calliz, an unemployed seaman, a native of Manila, was charged with boarding the a.s. President Taft without having obtained the permission of the commanding-officer. The accused pleaded not guilty.

Sirdar Khan, a private watchman on board the President Taft, gave evidence to the effect that accused was found asleep in the steerage at 12.45 p.m. on Tuesday. Witness reported the matter to the Chief Officer, who ordered his arrest. Witness then took the man to the Water Police Station. Witness had seen the defendant on previous occasions, he having often tried to board, and had been frequently turned back.

The accused stated that he had gone on board at the invitation of a friend who had promised to provide him with trousers, money and food. He had seen this friend, who told him to wait until he returned.

Questioned by his Worship, the accused replied:—"Somebody double-crossed me. This guy" (indicating the watchman) "hit me in the face. I was only sitting down waiting for my friend who had gone to change money for me."

Captain Miller, who was present in Court representing the owners, was unable to produce any further evidence of illegal boarding, as the ship had sailed. He had received a verbal report from the Chief Officer and understood that the accused was formerly a member of the crew of a Swedish steamer and was at present stranded.

In view of the fact that no evidence had been produced permission to board was withheld, his Worship ordered a discharge.

Poor Excuse.

Wong Shing, the master of a cargo boat, was charged with making fast alongside the a.s. New Mathilde while that vessel was under way, and pleaded guilty.

Replies to questions by His Worship, the accused stated that the wind was strong and as he had only a crew of four on board, he was driven alongside the vessel. He closed the ship because he was expecting cargo by her.

His Worship:—"The wind was so strong then, that it took you alongside a little too soon!"

Accused did not reply.

A fine of \$10 with the usual alternative was inflicted.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to today's questions:

1. The Technical Warers Board; to advise on technical problems connected with mechanical transport, and to secure liaison with the mechanical engineering industry.

2. A copy of the first issue of the first edition of Gray's "Elegy." To prove that its inventor, Mr. J. G. Gray, has made an "uninsinkable vessel."

3. He is accomplishing in five days,

which would take ten days by rail, to modify least no time for travel.

4. To modify agreements connected with the export of meat, to prevent the introduction of foot-and-mouth disease into Great Britain from South American Argentina and Uruguay.

5. The British West Indies;

"postage," certain fiscal dues, previously paid in cash, are to be collected by means of airmail.

6. Easter Monday and May 2nd.

7. The ground floor is the first (or

storey), the first floor is the second

storey, and so on.

8. Because its agent was thought to be like that of tea.

9. Turkey and Calico Islands.

10. The south of Kobe and to the north-

west of Korea.

11. The Anticyclone is central over the Lower Yangtze Valley.

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OVERCAST AND RAINY.**U. S. PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGN.****RESULTS OF LATEST
PRIMARIES.****HOOVER & SMITH STILL TO
THE FORE.****FIGURES ANALYSED.**

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Chang Chung-chang has retreated and will apparently make a stand at Tschow.—Reuter.

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Crowding Children.

The kitchenet apartments now constructed in large cities may be suitable for newlyweds, but are a menace to children. In most instances they are badly lighted and ventilated and for a child actually uninhabitable.

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